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CHINESE CALL ON AMERICA TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS AGAINST JAPAN



SENATOR KEY PITTMAN

BURMESE MISSION'S GREETINGS

CHUNGKING, Jan. 8 (Central)—The Burmese Goodwill Mission, which concluded its tour of China last December, has arrived back in Rangoon.

In a cable message to the Sino-Burmese Cultural Relations Association in Chungking, Mr. U. Ba Lwin, Head of the Mission, sends his New Year greetings and thanks the Chinese authorities for extending them all facilities during their stay in the wartime capital and other Chinese cities.

U.S. - AUSTRALIA RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—The United States and Australian Governments announced the establishment of diplomatic relations.

New Zealand is thus the only British Dominion without a direct representative at Washington.

Mr. Richard Casey, Minister of Supply, will be the first Australian Minister to the United States while the first United States Minister to Canberra will be named shortly.

MR. CLARENCE GAUSS

Special to the H.K. Daily Press—WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Havas)—It is authoritatively stated here that Mr. Clarence Gauss, at present American Consul-General in Shanghai, might be appointed as the first U.S. Minister to Australia.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has sent a circular telegram to all Party, Government and military organizations throughout the country to push the students' military service campaign during the impending winter vacation.

JAPANESE DESPERATELY HOLDING OUT AGAINST THE BESEIGING CHINESE FORCES IN NORTH KWANTUNG

NORTH KWANTUNG FRONT, Jan. 8 (Central)—About 1,000 Japanese troops, beaten back from their advanced posts, are desperately holding out against besieging Chinese forces at Lienkenghau, 14 miles south of Yingtak, on the Canton-Hankow Railway.

The Japanese have their retreat completely cut off and are stated to be facing annihilation.

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SHIUKWAN, Jan. 8 (Int'l)—Japanese troops who started the offensive to capture this town on Christmas Eve succeeded in reaching here last night not as conquering heroes but prisoners of war.

PARIS, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—A War communiqué states that it was a quiet night on the whole front. There was patrol activity in the region west of the Vosges.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 8 (REUTER)—IN VIEW OF THE EXPIRATION OF THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN TRADE TREATY SOME TIME THIS MONTH AND ITS IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE FUTURE OUTCOME OF THE SINO-JAPANESE WAR, CHINA IS AT THE PRESENT MOBILISING EVERY EFFORT TO WIN AMERICAN SUPPORT.

AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN CHINA, CHINESE PUBLIC BODIES AND CHINESE STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES ARE SEPARATELY SENDING APPEALS TO AMERICAN FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS URGING THEM TO TAKE STRONG STEPS TO CHECK JAPANESE AGGRESSION IN CHINA.

The Harvard Club, of which Mr. T. V. Soong is President, last night sent a telegram to Senator Key Pittman, Democrat of Nevada.

The message stated: "We hope that the present session of Congress will suspend such trade with Japan as may help or prolong aggression in China."

"All means, short of war but powerful enough to halt Japanese aggression, should be utilised by America at the present moment.

"We appeal to you in the name of humanity and civilisation."

JUNKMAN SHOT DEAD BY PIRATES IN MIRS BAY: \$8,800 CARGO STOLEN

TWO MORE JUNK ROBBERIES, ONE ATTENDED BY A KILLING IN BRITISH WATERS, HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE.

Cheung Chun-shing, aged 49, master of Class IV boat No. 2320W told the police authorities that at midnight on December 29 whilst at anchor at Nam O, Mirs Bay, a gang of seven or eight men, armed with rifles, boarded the craft.

They shot dead his brother, Lau Kui, aged 32, and ordered the cargo boat to stop. Some of the occupants of both boats then boarded the craft. Two of the men were armed with rifles.

Lau Kui and the others on board were locked in the hold and at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning they were ordered to come out when they were searched and told to go back into the hold.

The robbers were between 20 and 30 years of age and were dressed in dark clothing.

STEERSMAN'S REPORT

A steersman, Lau Kit, 42, on board cargo boat No. 3208, in a report to the police at Taipo Station, stated that at 3 a.m. on Saturday he left Niu Shan, Chinese territory, with a crew of four and four passengers on board, and a cargo of wood oil and wolfram ore bound for Shatin.

At 11 o'clock that night, when near Pat Mun, Mirs Bay, two small

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SMUGGLING OF COPPER COINS

CHUNGKING, Jan. 8 (Central)—In order to check the exodus of copper coins and prevent their being collected by the Japanese, the National Government has made smuggling of copper coins for profit punishable by death, it is learned today.

The revised provisional regulations governing punishment for actions detrimental to the national currency stipulate that smuggling of copper coins shall be punishable by either death, life sentence, or penal servitude of not less than seven years.

Recently, it is pointed out, the Japanese have been collecting large quantities of the Chinese copper cent at the high price of 50-85 per catty, which is three times higher than the legal value of the coins.

The Central Bank of China, it is understood, has issued large numbers of small denomination subsidiary notes—1-cent and 5-cent—in the war zones to replace the copper coins which will be withdrawn from circulation.

Goering's First Task As Economic Dictator

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—The Berlin correspondent of the Politiken says that Field-Marshal Goering's first task as economic dictator is to secure fresh funds for war purposes and adds: "The last war cost Germany 35 milliards marks yearly and the present war will cost about 50 milliards, exclusive of ordinary, state and municipal expenses."

"The customs and other ordinary revenues yield 28 milliards yearly but now 50 milliards has to be squeezed out of the population."

Enumerating the reasons of the higher cost of the present war, the correspondent mentions that the soldiers' pay is now 170 marks monthly compared to 35 marks in the last war.

He adds: "The present war of economy is based on only a short struggle in Poland with 50 per cent increased in income tax and increased taxes on spirit and tobacco."

"During the war in Poland 2,500,000 men were called up whereas reliable calculations indicate that 4,500,000 men are now under arms."

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In the World of Sports



GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON INTERPORT SOCCER REVEALED AT COUNCIL MEETING

Two Charity Matches At The Chinese New Year: Shield Second Round Draw

THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON THE QUESTION OF PERMISSION FOR VOLUNTEERS TO GO SHANGHAI WITH THE COLONY'S INTERPORT SOCCER TEAM WAS REVEALED at the Council meeting of the Hongkong Football Association yesterday evening when the chairman, Mr. W. Pryde, told the gathering that he had heard from Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, that the Government had no objections to Volunteers going but that no leave would be granted to Naval Volunteers. As no Naval Volunteers are in the team, however, this will have no bearing on the issue.

The danger of over-crowding at matches was again raised by Mr. Walter H. Chen to be referred to Sunday's match between South China "A" and Eastern. Mr. Chen commented on the bad manner in which the gates were handled. He stressed the serious menace caused to the crowd and players and urged the Association to take some action in the matter. On the suggestion of Mr. Pryde it was decided to write to the clubs concerned.

SHIELD DRAW

The draw for the Senior and Junior Shields resulted as under:

Senior Shield:—Police v. Middlesex; Club or Royal Scots v. Eastern; S. China "A" v. Navy; S. China "B" v. St. Joseph's.

Junior Shield:—S. China or Electric v. 8th R.A.; Kowloon or 24th R.A. v. 30th R.A.; Eastern v. Royal Engineers; International v. Police.

LAI WAH CUP

The Lai Wah Cup will be played between Army and Navy at Caroline Hill on Jan. 27 and Civilians will meet the Chinese at Causeway Bay on Jan. 28.

The chairman read a letter from the Chinese Athletic Federation asking for permission to stage two charity matches in aid of the B.W.O.F. and the H.K. Chinese Athletes War Relief Charity Corps. On the Feb. 8 they propose playing the Army and on Feb. 9 a combined Rest-of-Colony team. Both matches are to be played at Caroline Hill, starting at 4 p.m. each day.

As the Association has already committed itself to Singapore and Saigon regarding Interport matches, it was decided to wait until replies are received from these places before giving the C.A.F. a reply. It is expected that a decision will be made by Wednesday week.

A similar application by the H.K. Chinese Journalists Association to have a charity match in aid of refugees was also considered. It was decided to grant permission provisionally for Feb. 14.

REFEREES' FEES

Application from the Referee's Association (a) for qualified referees to be appointed to act as referees and linesmen, at second division League matches (b) for a fixed scale of remuneration of \$5 per time as opposed to the present sliding scale of \$3 to \$5 per time, and (c) for a qualified referee to sit on the Association's Referee's Sub-Committee, was deferred for consideration at the Association's annual meeting as this will entail alteration of the rules if they are to be adopted.

Following were present at the meeting: Messrs. W. Pryde (Chairman), C. A. Goldenberg, W. E. Hollands, Walter H. Chen, A. Kirby, Lee Wal-tong, C. Gulmugam, Wong Ka-tsung, H. S. Cooper, C. F. da Sousa, Skinner, Lt. C. M. M. Man and Capt. S. Burn.

H.K. RIDING SCHOOL SPORTS

The annual sports meeting of the Hongkong Riding School will be held at Tai Hang Road (between Stubbs Road and Broadway Road) on Sunday Jan. 28, commencing at 10 a.m. Invitations have been sent out by the manager, Mr. Bob Charles.

GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON INTERPORT SOCCER REVEALED AT COUNCIL MEETING

CANADIAN WINS GOLF TITLE

PHILIPPINES OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

MANILA, Jan. 8 (Reuters)—Harold McSpaden, holder of the Canadian Open title, won the 23rd Philippine Open Golf Championship yesterday, turning in a card of 287, at the Wack-Wack Club Quezon City, near Manila.

Emery Zimmerman, an American professional, was second with 291. T. Yamato, a Japanese third, with 292. Between them the trio will receive the lion's share of the P. Lusitano Cup barred Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. From the 1½ Mile Post (About Half Mile 170 Yards).

3—4 p.m.—Canalegas Handicap—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies classified "B" Class as at December 31, 1939. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

4—5 p.m.—Royal Navy Cup—

Presented by the Officers of H.M.'s Navy, with \$750 added for Winner. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of any Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners anywhere during 1939 of one race, 3 lbs.; of two races, 5 lbs.; of three or more races, 7 lbs.; penalty. Winner of the Lusitano Cup barred Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. From the 1½ Mile Post (About Half Mile 170 Yards).

5—6 p.m.—Kilala Handicap—

Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies classified "B" Class as at December 31, 1939. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and in (About One Mile 171 Yards).

TIFFIN INTERVAL

5—6 p.m.—Albury Stakes—

(First Section).—Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race, 10 lbs.; penalty of two races, barred Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. From the 1½ Mile Post (About Half Mile 170 Yards).

Note:—One Entry only will be made for Races 5 and 11. Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections by a draw.

6—7 p.m.—Kilala Handicap—

Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies classified "B" Class as at December 31, 1939. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. Six Furlongs.

7—8 p.m.—Chefoo Handicap—

(First Section).—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Griffins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. One and a Half Miles.

Note:—One Entry only will be made for the Chefoo Handicap (Races Nos. 7 and 9). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

8—9 p.m.—Rooty-Hill Derby

and Sports Club Cup.—A Cup presented by Members of the Sports Club. A Sweepstakes of \$20 each, \$25 additional for Starters, with \$2,500 added. For Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Meeting. Winner to receive 70 per cent, Second 20 per cent. Third 10 per cent, of the total amount. Weight for inches as per scale. One and a Half Miles.

9—10 p.m.—Chefoo Handicap—

(Second Section).—(See Race No. 7)

10—11 p.m.—Racing Stakes—

Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. One and a Half Miles.

11—12 p.m.—Albury Stakes—

(Second Section).—(See Race No. 5)

The following is the draw for the first round of the Junior Championship—match play stages:

W. Hewitt meets D. L. Prophett.

J. W. Mayhew meets T. Low.

L. Linklater meets W. A. Stewart.

L. Alexander meets L. Jackson.

N. Williamson meets R. R. de L. Liesching.

C. Taylor.

N. K. Littlejohn meets H. H. Mundy.

T. Megarry meets H. McBride.

The first named in each round is the challenger and must fix the date.

The first round is due for completion on or before Jan. 21, the second round on or before Feb. 4, the semi-final on or before Feb. 18 and the final over 36 holes on or before Feb. 25.

TRUE BLUE WINS

The result of the 1st Ladies' 2nd series race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club sailed yesterday is as follows:

Finished Pos. Pts.

True Blue. All ... 16.11.50 1 10

(Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson).

Guri. A20 18.14.45 2 5

(Miss L. A. Heitberg).

Jean. A15 18.14.47 3 6

(Mrs. V. Gowland).

Isobel. A7 18.15.10 4 4

(Mrs. M. A. Neve).

Redshank. A10 ... 18.17.26 5 3

(Mrs. M. N. Luce).

Gull. A9 18.18.28 6 2

(Mrs. G. D. Adams).

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SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

CHESS.—Entries close for Colony Chess Championship.

RACING.—Entries close for Fanling Races, 12 noon.

TOMORROW

BADMINTON.—B Division V.R.C. v. St. John's (St. John's); St. Teresa's V. K.C.C.; Recrelo v. King's College; Cathedral Hall Badminton, 8 p.m.

HOCKEY.—Club Seniors v. Recrelo, King's Park, 5 p.m.

SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association's Weekly Spoon and Practice Shoot, at Kowloon City, 1.45 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

BADMINTON LEAGUE.—Mixed Doubles, University, v. Recrelo A; Taikoo v. K.C.C.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

FIRING PRACTICE

Light-gun Anti-aircraft firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. today.

Firing area "B" will be affected.

Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting

PROGRAMME FOR THIRD DAY

The following is the programme for the Third Day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting at Happy Valley:

Tuesday, February 1.

1—12 noon.—Victoria Stakes.

1—12.30 p.m.—Chater Cup.

2—12.30 p.m.—Horse Show.

3—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

4—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

5—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

6—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

7—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

8—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

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13—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

14—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

15—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

16—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

17—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

18—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

19—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

20—12.30 p.m.—Handicap Handicap.

QUEEN'S

DAILY AT 2.30-5.15-7.20 & 9.30 P.M. TEL. 31453

LAST TIMES TODAY

The Amazing, Thrilling Story of the Growth of To-day's Great Maritime Service!

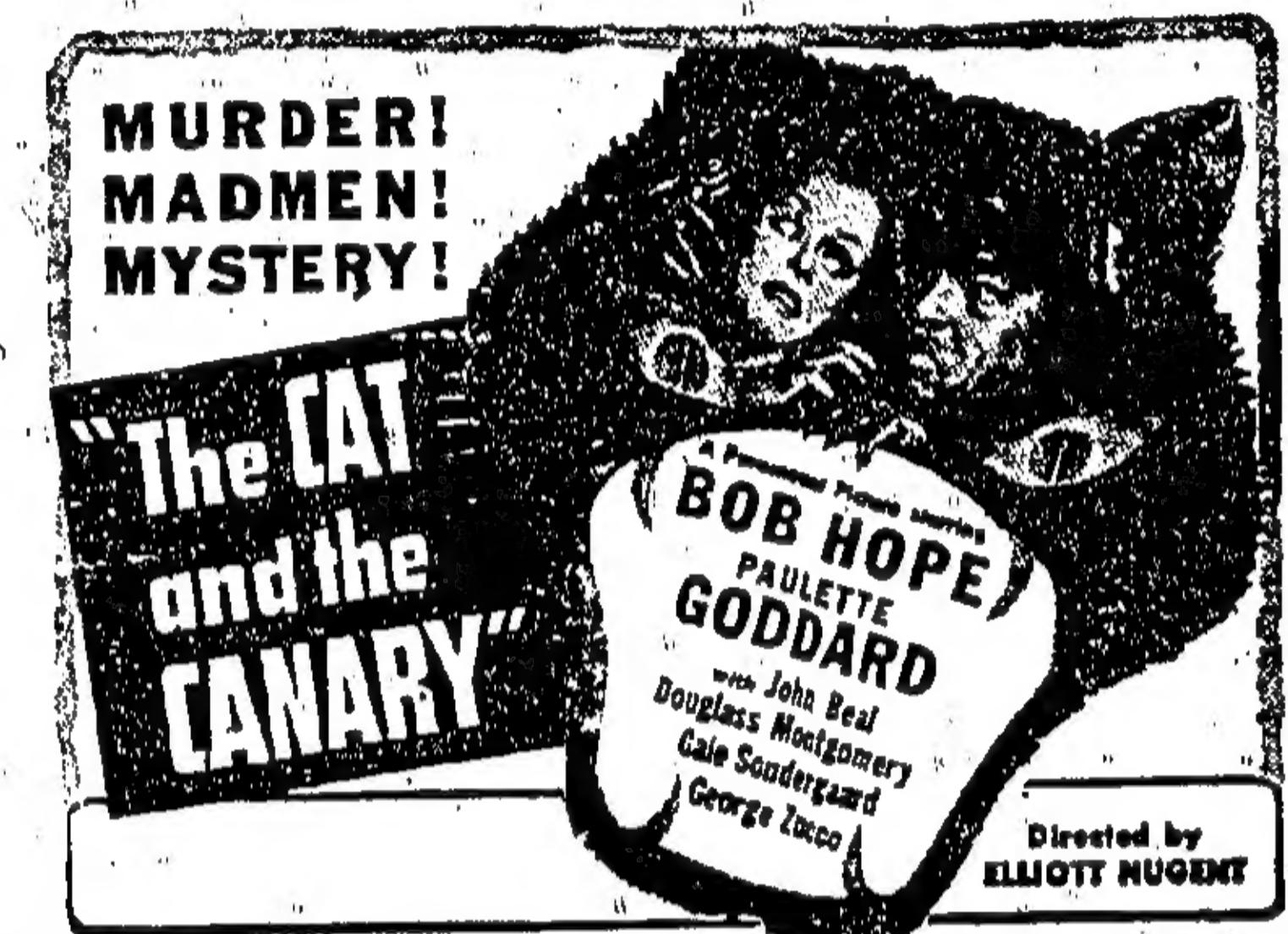


TO-MORROW : "EX-CHAMP" VICTOR MCLAGLEN & NAN GREY

AL HAMBRA

NATHAN RD. KOWLOON—DAILY AT 2.30-5.15-7.20 & 9.30 P.M. TEL. 56856

LAST TIMES TODAY



TO-MORROW : "MEET DR. CHRISTIAN" RKO Picture Jean Hersolt & Dorothy Lovett

STAR

DAILY AT 2.30 5.20 7.20 9.20 HANKOW ROAD KOWLOON TEL. 57795

TODAY AND TOMORROW



THURSDAY : At 2.30, 6.00, 7.15 & 9.30 P.M.
"LOST HORIZON"

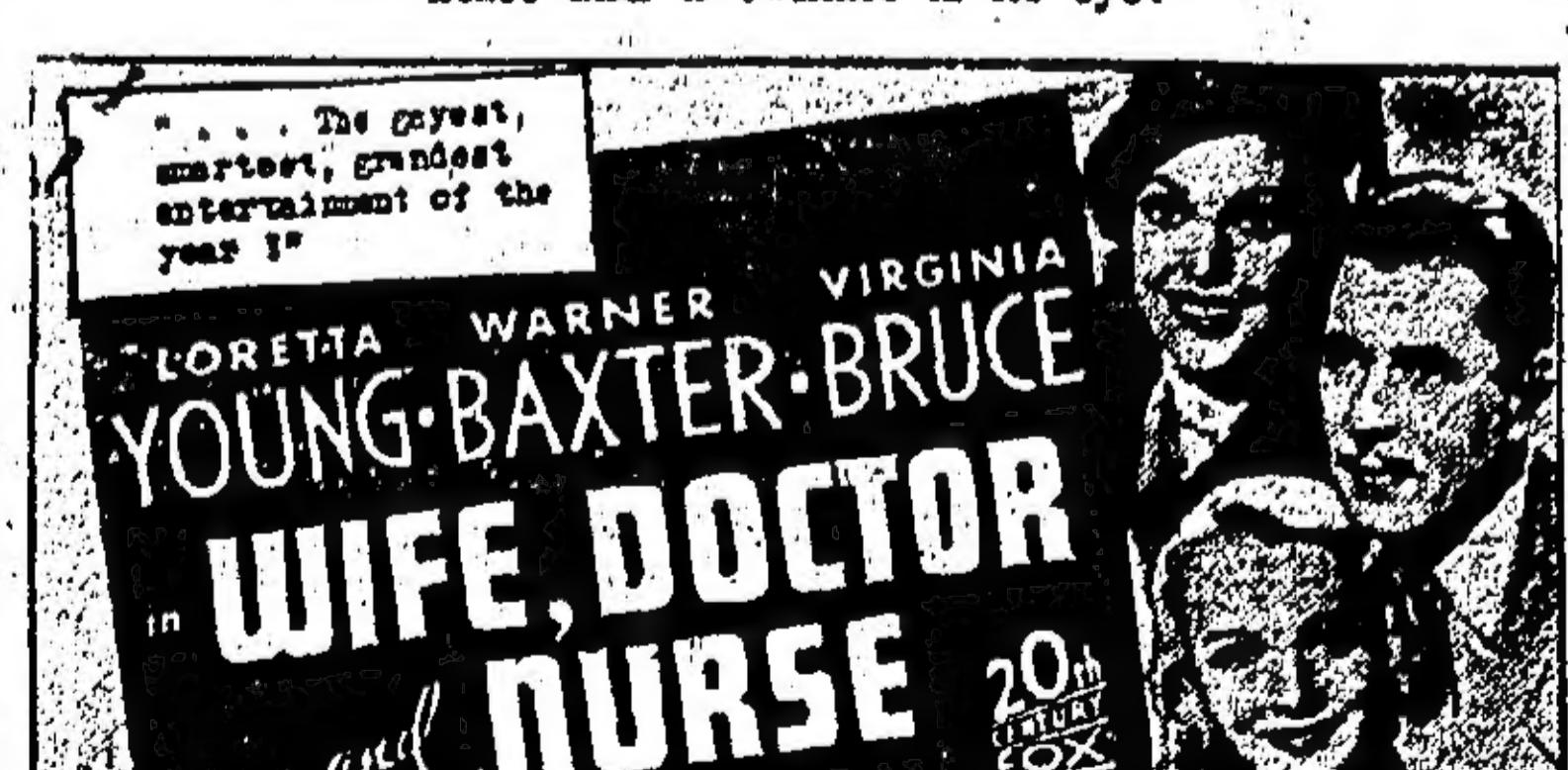
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TAKE ANY TRAM or HAPPY VALLEY BUS. W.

DAILY AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.
MATINEES 2.30-4.00-6.00-8.00
EVENINGS 10.00-12.00-1.30-2.30-4.30

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW—2 DAYS ONLY!

A Gay and Sparkling Romance in the Mood Of Today!
Gloriously written! Brilliantly played! Wise, witty and penetrating drama... with a catch in its heart and a twinkle in its eye!



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Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy in

"ROSE MARIE"

A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Triumph!

COMING EVENTS

Jan.
9—Tides: High 10.25 a.m. and 8.15 p.m.
Low 3.38 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.56 p.m.
Entries close for Colony Chess
Championship.
Entries close for Fanling Races, 12 noon.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.
Speaker—Mr. R. D. Walker—The Importance of Being Burnished.
H.K. University Arts Assn. Gen. Mtg., 8.30 p.m.; Speaker—Capt. A. E. Whatman—"A Year in the Arctic Regions".
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Methodist Ladies Church Aid Society, Annual Mtg., 3 p.m.
St. Andrew's Women's Guild, 10.30 a.m.
St. Andrew's Mothers' Union Mtg., 3 p.m.

Universal Week of Prayer at St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.
S. and S. Home, Prayer and Fellowship Mtg., 5.30 p.m.

Cheung Chau Whist Drive, 6.45 p.m.
Police Branch of M.C.L. Bridge and Mahjongg Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
10 Tides: High 11.03 a.m. and 9.46 p.m.
Low 4.10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.56 p.m.

Kings' Theatre—Dancing Display, 5.10 p.m.
H.K.R.A. Shoot.

St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship Party, 8 p.m.
Women's A.R.P. Union, Bandaging Class reopens at Helena May Inst., 9.30 a.m.

Exhibition of Chinese Art at Pung Ping Shan Library, 1 p.m.—7 p.m.
Cheung Chau Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
11 Tides: High 11.39 a.m. and 10.19 p.m.
Low 4.42 a.m. and 3.40 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.56 p.m.
Kings' Theatre—Dancing Display, 5.10 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club, Scavenging Hunt, 8.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime Social, 8 p.m.
Cheung Chau, Concert by "Bowen Ballads", 8 p.m.; Contract Bridge Lessons, 8 p.m.

Theosophical Society, 8 p.m.; Speaker—Mr. A. F. Knudsen "Our Man-Made Future".

Chinese Merchants' Club—Reception to Dr. Robert S. K. Lim by International Medical Relief Committee, 6 p.m.

12—Old Cheltonians Dinner, 8.15 p.m.
St. David's Society, Annual Mtg., Supreme Court Building, 5.30 p.m.
Cheung Chau, Darts, Ping-Pong and Billiards, 8 p.m.

13—H.K.R.A. Shoot.
Entries Close for H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.

14—Semi-Final of G. M. Young Golf Cup due for completion.
Macao Races.

Ladies Colony Tennis Championships: Doubles Semi-finals, U.S.R.C. Courts, 3 p.m.
Joint Meeting of Executives and Supervisors of National Red Cross Society of China.

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16—St. Andrew's Club Whist Drive (open to public).
Fanling Hunt and Race Club Annual Meeting, Jardine Matheson and Co.'s Office, 5.30 p.m.

17—H.K.R.A. Shoot.
18—Theosophical Society, 8 p.m.; Speaker: Mr. J. L. Hadaway "The Opportunity in Theosophy".

19—Central British Assn. Dance, 20—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

REOCA, Super Dance, C.E.A. and C.B.S. Reunion Cabaret Supper Dance, H.K. Hotel, 9 p.m.

21—Fanling Hunt and Race Club, Kwantun Races.

First Round of H.K. Golf Club Junior Championship due for completion.

22—First H.K.V.D.C. Camp Starts at Fanling.

St. Andrew's Club, Hotch-Potch Evening.

24—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

C.B.A. "Hot" Russian Dinner, 8.30 p.m.

Claims against H.K. Meat & Dally Produce Co. (Liquidation) due.

25—Theosophical Society, 6 p.m.; Speaker: Mr. J. L. Hadaway "Theosophy within Christianity and all Great Religions".

27—Third Round of Stubbs Shield Golf Competition due to be completed.

H.K.R.A. Shoot.

28—H.K. Riding School Gymkhana, 10 a.m.

H.K.R.A. Shoot.

30—Second H.K.V.D.C. Camp Starts at Fanling.

31—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Entries close for Trinity College of Music Practical Examination.

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12.45 Harry Boy and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Memphis Blues; Quickstep—Willie the Weeper; Quicksteps—Milenberg Joys; Sugar Foot Stomp; Beer Barrel Polka.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Noel Coward in some of his Songs and Musical Shows.

"Words and Music"—Mad Dogs and Englishmen; Let's Say Goodbye—Noel Coward (Vocal); With Orch. "Bitter Sweet"; Vocal Gems—Columbia Light Opera with Orch. Two Scenes from "Private Lives"; Gertrude Lawrence and Noel Coward (Talk); "Conversation Piece"; I'll Follow My Secret Heart—Gloria Grahams (Soprano) with Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Frances Day, Charlie Kunz, Warner and Darnell, and Others.

Vocal—I'm a Fool for Loving You (Lewis Wending); You Have That Extra Something (Ellis)—Frances Day (Soprano) with Orch. "Bitter Sweet"; Vocal Gems—Columbia Light Opera with Orch. Two Scenes from "Private Lives"; Gertrude Lawrence and Noel Coward (Talk); "Conversation Piece"; I'll Follow My Secret Heart—Gloria Grahams (Soprano) with Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends.

2.15 Close down.

2.00 Beethoven—Concerto No. 5 in F Flat Major, Op. 73 ("Emperor").

Arthur Schopel (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

6.38 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.40 Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and Benjamin Gigl (Tenor).

Gypsy Caprice (Kreisler); Shepherd's Madrigal (Kreisler); Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Carl Larson; Santa Lucia; I Long For You (Marlo); Voice Of The Night (Curtis); Benjamin Gigl (Tenor) with Orchestra. Dancing Doll (Podolini-Kreisler); Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Franz Rupp.

7.00 London Relay—"The Old Man of the Sea."

A play from a short story by W. W. Jacobs.

7.30 London Relay—"The News."

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

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RAINSTORMS AND FLOODS IN TURKEY

Mr. Hore Belisha To Make Statement In Commons On Resignation

TORRENTS OF WATER SWEEP THROUGH SMYRNA

SMYRNA. Jan. 8 (Reuter)—Following violent rainstorms, torrents of water swept through Smyrna and its suburbs, paralyzing transport and cutting off the electric current.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE

Flood waters inundated the lower quarters of the city causing houses to collapse with other extensive damage, but so far no loss of life has been reported.

Three villages in the plain of Brussa, with a total population of 2,000, are completely marooned and troops manning improvised rafts, are trying to rescue the villagers whose position is perilous.

TYPHOID BREAKS OUT

ISTANBUL. Jan. 8 (Havas)—Typhoid fever has broken out among the victims of the recent earthquakes and floods.

Measures for preventing the spreading of the epidemic are being taken.

PUZZLED COMMENT IN THE PRESS

London. Jan. 8 (Reuter)—It is understood that Mr. Hore Belisha has decided, following Parliamentary tradition, to make a personal statement at the end of question time upon the resumption of Parliament on Jan. 16.

He will make his last appearance at the War Office today, before handing back his seals of office on Tuesday.

PUZZLED COMMENT

The resignation of Mr. Hore Belisha is still the subject of much puzzled comment in Britain and yesterday's newspapers continue to give it plenty of space.

The periodic statement by the Prime Minister at Tuesday week's meeting of the House of Commons may explain the resignation, but until then all reference to Mr. Belisha's reasons must remain purely speculative.

He may himself make a personal explanation to the House of Commons, but political circles in London believe that, if he does, he will say very little and will probably shed very little light on his real reason.

OUTSPOKEN VIEW

The most outspoken paper is The Observer, which says that Mr. Hore Belisha's resignation will give the public more than a week-end of uneasiness and that whatever watch he keeps on his own lips, his record will maintain his innocence.

Both the Sunday Times and Sunday Chronicle stress that his resignation will make no difference to the conduct of the war. Both papers, too, hope that he will be back before long.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY

LONDON. Jan. 8 (BWS)—The wide changes and reforms carried out in the British Army during Mr. Hore Belisha's tenure of office and the accord between him and the Prime Minister is evidenced in letters between them already published to lead the press yesterday to draw the inference that the change in the occupant of the office does not foreshadow a change of policy.

Typical of British public opinion on this aspect is the Sunday Times: "No changes are intended in policy and it is not the least of the achievements for which he deserves ungrudging recognition and for which no one throughout has more consistently given him recognition and support than the Prime Minister—that the whole problem of Army expansion is going forward smoothly to a solution on the universally agreed lines."

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22	One of a Tutsi race
23	Arabian jasmine
24	Everything
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26	Jump
27	Herd of whales
28	Italian prince
29	Who was the Greek goddess of discord?
30	Species of pepper
31	What ear became the favorite of Queen Elizabeth?
32	Existed
33	What republic was anciently the kingdom of the Aztecs?
34	Books published by what Venetian family are known by the sign of the anchor and dolphin?
35	What is the capital of Latvia?
36	Burnese sprites
37	Possess
38	Cister
39	Secret meeting
40	Books published by what Venetian family are known by the sign of the anchor and dolphin?
41	Hostility
42	Christmas personage
43	Gives for use
44	Greek god of love
45	Declare Common-place
46	Member of a Turkic tribe
47	Condensed statement
48	Spaniard
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50	American temporary patriot
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MORTGAGE DISPUTE CONCLUDING STAGES

Submissions By K.C. For The Defence: Plaintiffs Challenged

THE FACT THAT THE THREE PLAINTIFFS IN THE CASE WERE WHOLLY UNKNOWN TO THE DEFENDANT, and did not reveal their identity until the case was tried, was one of the points stressed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., in his address at the Supreme Court yesterday when the alleged city mortgage fraud action reached its concluding stages.

Plaintiffs in the case, which is being heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, are Chan Ful-hing, Chan Sik-tin and Chan Kwok-nim, who seek a declaration from the court that two mortgages executed in respect of No. 300 Des Voeux Road Central and No. 96 Wing Lok Street are fraudulent.

They allege that the signatures pretest, and yet you say you do not on the mortgages are forgeries, know him?—I only knew Chan and that the transactions had Kwok-nim was there.

Then why did Kwok-nim sign through his attorney if he was there?—He asked me to take all of them to the Land Office, including himself.

And then he solemnly signed his own name by his attorney, Chan Kwok-yiu, is that your story?—Kwok-nim asked me to take them to the Land Office.

His Lordship: I have warned you before and I insist that you answer the question. There is no reason why you should prevaricate as you are a solicitor's clerk and understand the position perfectly. You are wasting the time of the Court and I will not tolerate it.

Mr. Potter (To Lo): Can you explain why, if Kwok-nim was there, that he should have signed through his attorney?—I cannot.

Do you mean to say you knew nothing of the power of attorney at all?—Yes.

But you must have produced it before the Land Office would allow the document to be signed?—Yes.

Can you explain why there should have been any power of attorney at all? If Kwok-nim and Kwok-yiu were one and the same person?—He knows better, I don't.

*ONE LAST CHANCE

His Lordship: I will give you one last chance. If you don't have yourself I will commit you to gaol for contempt. The answer you gave was irrelevant and impudent.

Mr. Potter then repeated his question and Lo replied he could not give any explanation.

Further questioned, Lo agreed that Kwok-nim and Kwok-yiu were two distinct persons. The reason why he said at the previous hearing that he did not know of a man by the name of Chan Kwok-yiu was because he did not remember him.

Mr. Potter: I put it to you, you told a deliberate untruth because you wanted to avoid the conclusion that Kwok-yiu and Kwok-nim were two distinct persons?—No.

Hearing will be concluded this afternoon, when Mr. Potter will address the Court.

MURDER HEARING AT TAIPo POLICE COURT

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CONSISTENT BEHAVIOUR
The behaviour of Chan Chung-wah before the action, said counsel, was consistent with ownership of property and not with impersonation of the owner. Counsel also analysed the evidence given by several witnesses who had testified that third defendant was not Chan Kwok-nim and that the latter was known also by an alias, Chan Chung-wah, and submitted that their evidence was true and decisive evidence.

On the question of estoppel, Mr. Sheldon submitted that the plaintiffs were estopped from recovering from the defendant because of their complete silence after discovery of the fraud. The true test was whether the conduct of the plaintiffs had caused the defendant to lose, without remedy or recourse he might have had against Chan Chung-wah.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Before Mr. Sheldon spoke, Lo Kwok-min, solicitor's interpreter, was cross-examined by Mr. Potter in connexion with a title deed in the Land Office in 1934 which he said he had witnessed.

Lo had stated at the previous hearing that of the persons present at the time the deed was signed he knew only Chan Kwok-nim alias Chan Chung-wah who, however, was not the third plaintiff. He did not know a man by the name of Chan Kwok-yiu.

Mr. Potter: Chan Kwok-yiu was one of the four persons mentioned in the document which you inter-

HEARING REACHES

MILITARY PROPERTY STOLEN

ELECTRIC CABLE VALUED \$4,000

Two thousand yards of electric cable, comprising three drums of lead-covered cable and one drum of rubber-covered cable, is reported to have been stolen from a fenced-in dump off the Shek O Road between December 15, 1939, and 7 o'clock on Saturday morning, according to a police report.

The cable is valued at £250 (H.K. \$4,000) and is the property of the military authorities.

Rail Sleepers Torn Up

CANTON - KOWLOON LINE DAMAGED

Reports current in Hongkong that the Japanese used conscripted Chinese labour to tear up the sleepers of the section of the Canton-Kowloon railway bordering the Colony, are emphatically denied by those returning to the Colony from interior parts.

GUERRILLA ACTION

While not denying that the Japanese did conscript Chinese labour for road building for military purposes, it is emphatically stated that the railway sleepers were torn up by Chinese guerrillas in order to prevent the Japanese from using that section of the railway, in spite of Japanese efforts to prevent it.

The guerrillas used both the iron rails and the wooden sleepers to make "pill boxes" and for other defence measures for their operations.

SITUATION QUIET

The situation across the border is now quiet and apart from a slight shortage of food as a result of the Japanese having spoilt the crops, conditions seem to be rapidly returning to normal, with Chinese troops and officials once more in occupation.

COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

On charges of conspiring to defraud Der Yun-sap, married woman, whose husband lives in Boston, U.S.A., of \$130, and of demanding or endeavouring to obtain that sum, two men, Wong Sang and Li Kam-jam, were committed by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen from Kowloon Court yesterday to the criminal sessions.

It is alleged the defendants sent to complainant a letter, purported to have been written by her husband, requesting her to hand over to them a sum of \$130.

British War Organization Fund, H.K.

LATEST LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

The total of the British War Organization Fund, Hongkong Branch, has now reached \$342,931.25.

The latest list of subscriptions includes \$1,000 from the Ladies of the Quarry Bay Centre, \$355 from the proceeds of a dance held by the 1st Hongkong Regt. R.A., \$125.30 from the staff of the Sanitary Dept., \$200 from Mr. F. V. Jensen, \$100 from Millington Ltd., (Toys Subscriptions), \$100 from an anonymous donor and \$122 from the proceeds of a Tennis Tournament held by the Sisters of the Queen Mary Hospital.

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BANKERS' ORDER

R. Hancock \$25.

NO BIDDING AT CROWN LAND AUCTION

Two Kowloon lots were sold by public auction at a sale held at the Office of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon. There was no bidding.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4217, situated at Tam Kung Road at the junction with Ma Tau Wei Road, comprising an area of about 2,670 square feet, was purchased by Dr. Basil Thompson, of No. 33, Jordan Road, at the upset price of \$2,000.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2759, adjoining New K. I. L. No. 2651, Castle Peak Road, with an area of about 6,720 square feet, was bought by Mr. Yam Kiam-ke, merchant, of the Tai Hang Rubber Factory, Nos. 1-9, Yen Chow Street, at the upset price of \$8,720.

found a tin containing \$32.16, buried in a pile of rubbish.

CHICKENS MISSING

Witness further stated that there were four pigs in the house on October 31, but his mother had sold two that day. When he left the house there were 19 chickens in all; but he found a certain number were missing.

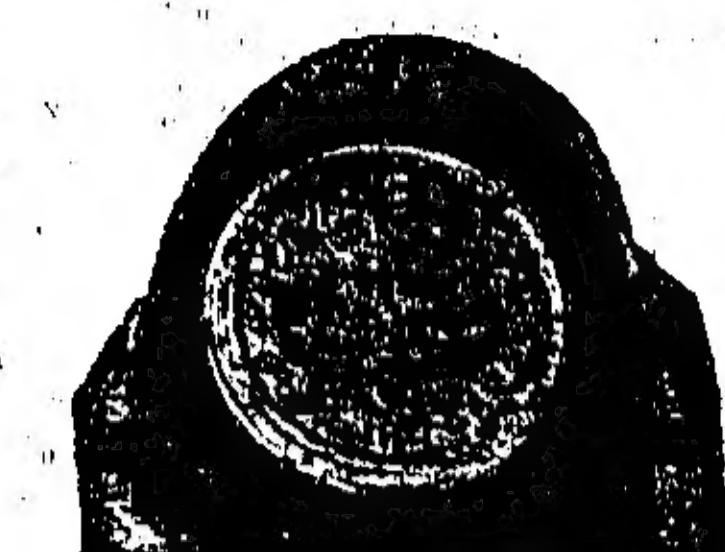
Asked if he was married, witness said that his kit-fat wife died in China, and he subsequently married three or four women in Taipoo, but all of them ran away, the first having absconded in the sixth

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Det. P.C.C. 683, witness made a search in his house and

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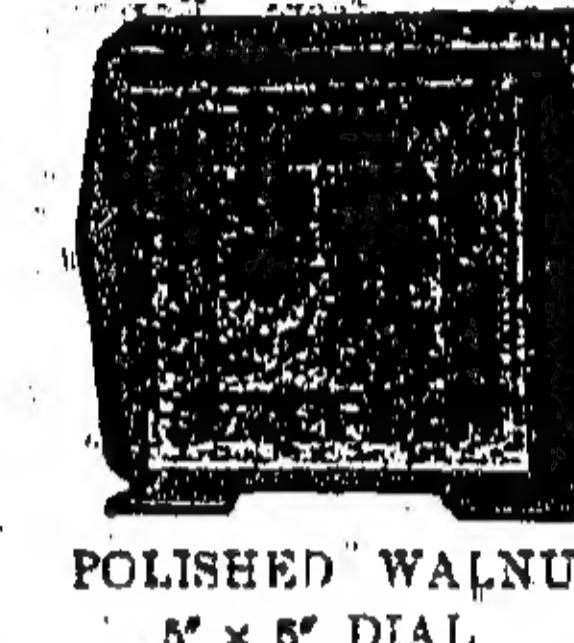
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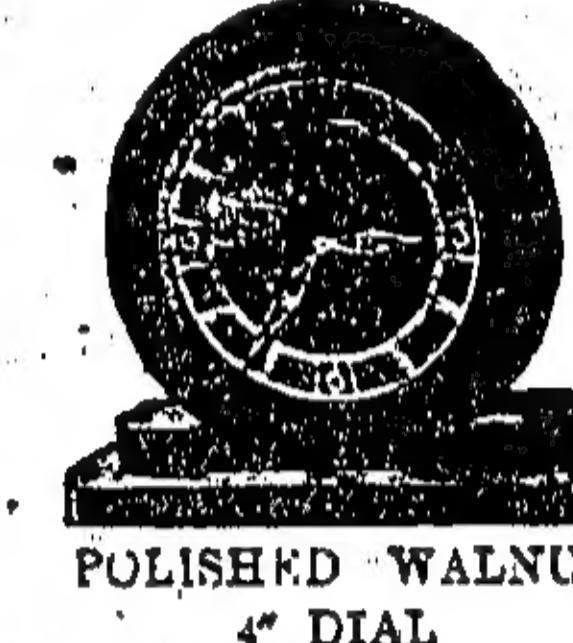
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9609 'TAINT WHAT YOU DO...Quick Step
EAST SIDE OF HEAVEN...Slow Fox Trot Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody, Dance
9608 TEARS FROM MY EYES...Fox Trot
YOU GROW SWEETER AS THE YEARS GO BY...Fox Trot
Jay Wilbur and his Band, Vocal by Sam Costa
9607 ONE SUNDAY AFTERNOON...Slow Fox Trot Good-Night, My Darling Good-Night, Slow Fox Trot Oscar Rubin and his Band, Vocal by Beryl Davis
9606 ESPECIALLY FOR YOU...Slow Fox Trot
Sing, My Heart...Quiet Step Oscar Rubin and his Band, Vocal by Garry Gowans
9605 THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE WRAITH...
Fox Trot
Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Good-Bye...Fox Trot
Billy Cotton and his Band, Vocal
9604 THE GIRL WHO LOVES A SOLDIER...“The little dog laughed” On The Outside Looking In...Fox Trot
“The little dog laughed” Billy Cotton and his Band, Vocal
9603 DANNY BOY...“Shipyard Sally” GRANDFATHER'S HARPERS...“Shipyard Sally” Gracie Fields with Orchestra
9602 (A) A NEW MOON AND OLD SERENADE... (B) OUR LOVE... (A) SOUTHERN BOUND... (B) DEEP PURPLE...
Jules Daban
9601 LOVE'S SIGH...Waltz I LOVE YOU BEST OF ALL... Waltz The Green Brothers' Marimba Band, Vocal
9600 'TAINT WHAT YOU TO... Quick Step EAST SIDE OF HEAVEN...Slow Fox Trot Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody, Vocal
9599 UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN...Waltz WALKING HOME ALONE...Slow Fox Trot Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody, Dance
9598 THERE'S A HOUR IN THE OAKEN DUCKET...COWBOY BLUES...Carson Robison and his Pioneers
9597 SUMMER SWEETHEART...DON'T WORRY 'BOUT ME...Henry Starr, Organ
9596 SING A SONG OF SUNBEAMS...“East Side of Heaven” That Six Old Gentlemen...
Billy Cotton and his Band, Vocal
9540 DEEP PURPLE...Fox Trot Little Sir Echo...Waltz Billy Cotton and his Band, Vocal
9622 I NEVER KNEW HEAVEN COULD SPEAK...Fox Trot You GROW SWEETER AS THE YEARS GO BY...Fox Trot
Roy Smeck and his Hawaiian Serenaders, Vocal
9521 You GROW SWEETER AS THE YEARS GO BY... SOUTHERN BOUND...
Denny Dennis Vocal acc. by Chas. Smart at the w. Organ
9520 SUMMER EVENING SANTA CRUZ...Tango THE MOON REMEMBERS...But You Forget...Slow Fox Trot
Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody Vocal
9518 LA MULATA ROMERO...Bumba MASABIN...Bumba Oscar Rubin and his Band, Palais de Danse
9517 ONLY, ONCE...Fox Trot I CAN TAKE IT...SAIL ALONG SILVY AT MOON...Fox Trot...Jay Wilbur and his Band
9516 I GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU VERY WELL...Fox Trot ROOM...Fox Trot...Jay Wilbur and his Band Vocal
9489 WHISTLING...Fox Trot BLUE BLUES...Fox Trot...Clyde McCoy and his Orchestra
9591 SANDY JOINS THE ARMY...Part 1. SANDY JOINS THE ARMY...Part 2. SANDY POWELL COMEDIAN
9536 WHEN A BLACK SHEEP MEETS A WHITE SHEEP...Fox Trot THE WARNING ON THE SIEGFRIED LINE...Fox
Trot Billy Cotton and his Band, Vocal
9533 THE GIRL WHO LOVES A SOLDIER...Fox Trot “The little dog laughed”...Billy Cotton and his Band Vocal
9530 REMINISCENCES OF SORRENTO MARIA MANI...The Belgrave Salon Orchestra
9529 AND THE ANGELS SING...Slow Fox Trot UNIDENTIFIED...Quick Step Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody Vocal
9528 OLD-FASHIONED LOVING...Walks (It's an) DON'T YOU REMEMBER THE TIME?...Walks
The Green Brothers' Marimba Band
9527 YOU'RE THE ONLY STAR...Fox Trot Ain't CHA COMIN' OUT...Walks Dick Robertson and his Orchestra Vocal
9524 MOONLIGHT ON THE WATER...Walks THE BLUE DANUBE...Walks The Belgrave Salon Orchestra
9519 SUMMER EVENING IN SANTA CRUZ...Tango THE MOON REMEMBERS...But You Forget...Tango
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INSTRUCTIVE DELIRIUM

WHAT WITH VISCOUNT

KANO declaiming in London on Japan's peaceful intentions towards China, Great Britain, and the world at large, the coincidence of new "peace" balloons and the concentration of diplomats in Chungking, and, as if one had not heard it all before, the solemn re-affirmation by the Tokyo Government of its determination to support the malodorous machinations of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Japanese pronouncements seem to add up to a picturesque, if not over subtle attempt to puzzle the world. While it is doubtful whether the desired effect will be achieved, it must be admitted that it is a long time since such a witches' brew was seen and one may properly wonder whether the disputing wise men and cutthroats of Tokyo themselves are not a little lost in a smoke screen of their own laying.

LATEST EVIDENCE OF Nipponese hallucinations is a Reuter message from Shanghai that relates, laconically enough, how the editor of the North China Daily News was honoured with an invitation from a puppet official in Nanjing bearing the pretentious title of "Retrocession Commissioner of the Reformed Government" to attend a reception and ball in the Republic Bay Hotel, on the occasion of the formal signing of an agreement between "China" and Great Britain to cede Hongkong to the former. Neither for the agreement nor the festivities was any date given, this being left for a later announcement. Instead, what the invitation lacked in definition was amply made up in an excess of colour, exemplified, for instance, in the following concluding paragraph:

"The Commissioner takes this opportunity to express his gratification that the foreign settlements and concessions, which have been encroaching on Chinese sovereignty and soil, are now a thing of the past."

IF THIS WERE A PRACTICAL JOKE, it might be suitable material for much merriment. Examined dispassionately, however, it takes on a very different aspect. Japan's puppet "China" shrills like a ventriloquist's dummy from the knees of its master, caricaturing the legitimate aspirations of the Chinese people to be masters in their own land and laying bare once more the naked and stupid cynicism of the whole Japanese adventure. The story itself is a useful pendant to the whole complex of Tokyo's acts and dreams that make an already vanquished enemy of everything and everyone that stands in the way of Nipponese domination of the East—whether Chinese resistance or Third Power interests.

ON THE MORAL of this tale, and others like it, it would be tiresome to dwell. China, steadfastly continuing her resistance, can afford to ignore them all and concentrate on her main task. Elsewhere, too, they will be met with a smile, albeit often a wry one. It is only to those who have seriously maintained that it is possible to come to terms with present-day Japan that one feels prompted to recommend the pains-

BIRTH

At the St. Paul Hospital on January 8, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Jabin Hsu, a son, John.

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ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced between Arthur, youngest son of Captain and Mrs. Cramsie, of O'Hara Brook, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, and Susan, eldest daughter of the late Mrs. Lenard and of Captain Lenard, of the Hongkong Bank, Lyons, and of Corkill, Killakee, Co. Tyrone.

LEVACO—PATUSHINSKY.—The engagement is announced of Benjamin Michael, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Levaco, and Vera, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patushinsky, both of Shanghai.

DEATHS

KEMP.—On Dec. 25, 1939, Emily G. F.R.G.S., very peacefully, after three days' illness, at Gunnerside, Richmond, Yorks, in her 80th year. Devoted friend of China.

JORDAN.—At Putney, London, England, Annie Howe, widow of the late Sir John Newell Jordan. Deeply regretted by her three surviving sons.

WATKIE.—James Alexander, at Victoria, B.C., on Dec. 22, 1939.

FALL IN VALUE OF JAPANESE MILITARY NOTES

SZEWEI, Jan. 8 (Central)—Arrivals from Canton reveal that following the Japanese North Kwangtung debacle, the value of Japanese military script in Canton and other places has fallen sharply in terms of Chinese currency. Considerable numbers of Chinese have started evading of Canton.

The Chinese guerrilla activities on the outskirts of Canton, the informants says, have been intensified.

PURE IMAGINATION

CHUNGKING, Jan. 8 (Int'l)—Various rumours were manufactured by Japanese sources concerning skirmishes between the 8th Route Army and other units in Kansu or a split in the ranks of the Kuomintang.

This fabrication was cabled by the Hongkong correspondent of a New York paper, which was relayed back to Japan as a sort of confirmation of the Japanese reports. These rumours are pure imagination, it was learned here.

H.K. LANDMARK RENOVATION

A familiar Hongkong landmark—the statue of H. R. H. Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, presented to the Colony by C. P. Chater in April 1890—is being thoroughly renovated. At the intersection of Connaught Road and Pedder Street may be seen an unusual sight.

The Duke's statue is being given its New Year clearing, as three Chinese workmen are clambering through the scaffolding erected armed with pots and brushes to eradicate the crust of oxidized metal.



A glimpse of the demonstration in aid of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives given by the Women's League of Health at Caroline Hill last Sunday. (Photo, S. H. Hsia.)

AIR TRIP AS REWARD FOR STUDIES

Mr. F. C. Clemo's Son Arrives

The Imperial Airways' R. M. A. Denebola from Bangkok, which was due in Hongkong on Sunday afternoon, arrived at Kai Tak yesterday at 4:20 p.m. Captain M. Brunton was in command of the plane.

Mail load from all Empire ports totalled 202 kilos.

Travelling from London were Mrs. A. Wood, accompanied by her two young daughters, aged five and three years, respectively. Mrs. Wood's relatives and friends in the Colony greeted her on arrival at the airport.

The other excited and warmly greeted passenger on the Denebola was young Mr. R. Clemo, son of Mr. F. C. Clemo, executive engineer and station superintendent of the China Light and Power Co. in Hongkong. Mr. Clemo junior recently completed his studies in England, and his air journey across Europe and India was a present from his father for his achievement in school work.

Over 30 friends and relatives gathered at Kai Tak to welcome the young man who enjoyed a splendid air trip from Southampton.

CANADA'S WARTIME MOTTO: "SPEED THE PLOUGH"

OTTAWA—"Speed the plough" should continue to be Canada's wartime motto in the opinion of Canada's Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir, better known internationally as John Buchan, the author.

"Ploughshares are far more powerful than swords" he said. "The conflict must be fought with the entire strength of the nation and a great task lies ahead of the Canadian farmer." A review of Canada's agricultural position indicates the nation's strength along these lines.

INCREASED WHEAT AREA.

In the 1914-18 war, Canada increased the area sown to wheat from 10,000,000 acres to 19,000,000 acres. The Dominion commences this war with 26,756,500 acres under cultivation to wheat and 31,535,300 acres to other crops.

Furthermore, Canada will be in a better position to supply the British requirements in bacon, fish, meat and other products. A census taken by the Government last summer shows that there were 18,500,000 cattle on Canadian farms, 4,300,000 hogs, 3,400,000 sheep, and 82,400,000 poultry.

COLD STORAGE.

Cold storage holdings in Canada as on Nov. 1 included 76,153,342 pounds of meat, 41,000,000 pounds of fish, 58,200,000 pounds of butter, 41,500,000 pounds of cheese, 13,300,000 pounds of concentrated milk, 4,500,000 pounds of dressed poultry, and 231,264 tons of potatoes.

TAKING STUDY OF THE LONG STRUGGLE.

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BURDEN OF TAXES IN THE WORLD

The peoples of the world are paying two to eight times more in taxes today than at the time of the outbreak of the last war, according to a survey made by the National Industrial Conference Board. Per capita debt charges in the various countries have risen in corresponding proportions.

In 1913 the Federal, state and local taxes in the United States amounted to \$22.66 per capita, placing this country fourth in the list of nations. France led with \$28.21 per capita. Canada was second with \$26.65, the United Kingdom third with \$25.79. Italy and Germany trailed the leaders with \$14.50 and \$14.35 respectively.

RISE OF TAXES AND DEBTS

In the 25 years since 1913, taxes and debts have risen very much. The First World War brought the United States into second place, with \$71.10 in collections per capita. The United Kingdom had taken first place with \$90.26. France followed with \$83.66. Canada with \$49.99. Italy with \$23.98 and Germany with \$19.27.

GERMANY LEADS

By 1933, the Board found, the places had changed, but all per capita collections had increased yet further. Germany had become the heaviest tax collector in the world, taking \$109.65 per year from each of its inhabitants. The United Kingdom followed closely with \$107.80 and the United States was only 29 cents less with \$107.51.

Canada, France and Italy trailed with collections of \$78.76, \$54.61 (for 1937) and \$30.90 respectively.

BRITAIN'S NATIONAL DEBT

In the decade that followed, the heaviest increase in per capita national debt occurred in Great Britain, where by 1938 the figure reached the extraordinary total of \$1,014.59, by far the largest per capita national debt in the world.

Canada was second with \$602.70, the United States third with \$432.65, France fourth with \$414.17, Germany fifth with \$192 and Italy sixth with \$178.50. The low figure for Germany in part was due to the fact that post-War inflation virtually wiped out her pre-War debt and the debts incurred during the First World War.

TAKEN IN PERCENTAGES OF NATIONAL INCOME.

France was collecting in taxes 23.3 per cent (1937), the United States 22.4 per cent, the United Kingdom 21.7 per cent, and Canada 20.7 per cent. Germany, however, led the list with 26.2 per cent.

HIGHEST LEVELS

The Board summarized findings in the words: War, depression, armaments and increased social services during the past 25 years have raised the costs of government in nearly all the principal countries to the highest levels of their history. The tax burdens measured by per capita collections are from two to eight times as large as they were before the World War. Their per capita public debts have risen in about the same ratios.

"The proportions of their national incomes collected as taxes are from one and one-half to three times the pre-war levels and, as every newspaper concerned with the vagaries of the war reserves of taxpaying power have declined—Hayas.

GREAT PIONEER OF 'PLANE DESIGN'

Germany's Debt To Anthony Fokker

Mr. Anthony Fokker, the aviation pioneer who proved to be one of Germany's greatest assets in the last war, has died in New York during the Christmas holidays at the age of 49. He was not only a clever designer but a remarkably able pilot.

Son of a Dutch coffee planter, he was a brilliant inventor who, at the age of 18, became wildly excited over human flight. Long before he had seen a machine in the air he was busily designing one. Then he taught himself to fly.

In an attic at home he rigged up an imitation cockpit. It consisted of an old wooden chair, on each side of which a movable stick was attached.

One stick represented the elevator; the other was for wing warping, after the manner introduced by the brothers Wright. For hours he would sit on this chair, laboriously familiarising himself with the controls. Then he made his first flight. For the next 20 years he made a point of testing each of his new types himself.

Fokker attended his efforts to sell his machines. Holland, Italy, Russia and England were not interested in the work of the smiling young man, and he went to Germany. There, in 1913, he obtained all the encouragement he needed.

When the war broke out in the following year he devoted himself to the design of a single-seat fighter. Its worth was beyond all doubt.

INTERRUPTER GEAR IN 3 DAYS

The German High Command asked him if he could add to its merits by evolving a method of sending bullets through the whirling airscrew. He had never seen a machine-gun before but within three days he had produced his interrupter gear.

Thus equipped in the autumn of 1915, the Fokker fighter went on to inflict heavy casualties on Allied machines. Its speed was no more than 70 m.p.h. and its ceiling 6,000ft, but its great manoeuvrability and its synchronised fire left

British pilots no end of trouble. In an attempt to regain supremacy Fokker designed many new aeroplanes, the most notable being his triplane, which was extraordinarily successful until it was shot down.

Several important points there and areas near Tancheng on the Shantung-Kiangsu border have been recaptured.

SOUTH SHANSI

YUHO and LOTOTIEN, northwest of Shantung, are under Chinese control.

NORTH KIANGSU

TUNKI ANWEI, Jan. 8 (Central)—Chinese forces in North Kiangsu have started a general offensive and fighting is now

raging in various places, according to a despatch reaching here.

Bitter fighting raged on Jan. 3 and 4, throughout which the Chinese managed to hold their ground.

The Japanese spearhead faltered on Jan. 5, followed by a precipitate retreat. More than 300 Japanese were killed, and six captured alive, including a major.

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BEATEN BACK

MELHSIEN, Jan. 8 (Central)—The Japanese westward drive from Cha'an on Fungkai and Sutong has ended in complete failure, several fierce attacks having been beaten back by stiff Chinese resistance.

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ROYAL SOCIETY MEDALS

The Royal Society recently announced the following awards:

Copley Medal: Prof. J. H. Morgan, chairman of the Division of Biology, William C. Kerckhoff Laboratories of Biological Sciences, California Institute of Technology, for his establishment of the modern science of genetics.

Davy Medal: Prof. J. W. McBain, Professor of Chemistry, Stanford University, California, for distinguished work in the study of colloidal electrolytes.

Hughes Medal: Prof. G. P. Thomson, Professor of Physics, Imperial College of Science, for important discoveries in the distribution of electrons by matter.

As it is hardly likely that 1940 will show any improvement further compressions are now in train.

The budget for 1940 is 33% less

than that for 1939. Even

with this reduction, it will be necessary to make further economies unless a greater collection of contributions is secured.

FIGHT FOR LIFE

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troops. Davies was in charge of the post which included Eckford.

While on his beat he noticed Eckford with his rifle levelled at Davies. About four-and-a-half yards separated the two men.

Eckford succeeded in smuggling six train-loads of aeroplanes, motors, and accessories into Holland.

Eckford found himself in a helpless situation and went on to design a still more important machine, the DV, which proved greatly superior to its German competitors.

Important Developments Expected Shortly From Ciano-Csaky Talks: Hungarian-Rumanian Relations Involved

ROME Jan. 8 (REUTER)—THE ONLY ELEMENT OF SURPRISE FROM THE CIANO-CSAKY MEETING IS THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT COUNT CSAKY, THE HUNGARIAN MINISTER, IS RETURNING TO BUDAPEST TODAY INSTEAD OF GOING TO SAN REMO FOR HIS PROPOSED HOLIDAY.

It is concluded in some quarters here that developments may shortly be expected in the relations between Hungary and Rumania and that consideration which arose during the talks will be discussed in Budapest immediately. So far, however, there appears little evidence for such belief.

Specialised Naval Construction

ADM. USBORNE'S NEW WORK

LONDON, Jan. 8 (BWS)—The Home Office announced that Vice-Admiral Usborne, who has been Director of Censorship since the outbreak of war, has resigned, in order to undertake new work of national importance for which his experience and service particularly qualify him in connexion with specialised naval construction under contracts for the Admiralty.

The Home Secretary and the Director-General of Press and Censorship, Sir Walter Monckton paid warm tribute this morning to the valuable services Adm. Usborne rendered.

Vice-Adm. Usborne is one of the foremost gunnery experts in the Navy and was Head of the Naval Intelligence Department from 1930 to 1932.

HAPPY EXPERIENCE. Reuter understands that Vice-Admiral Usborne resigned to take up the post of joint managing director of a ship-building firm engaged in the production of ship-ping material for the Admiralty.

Vice-Adm. Usborne, who invented the paravane anti-mine device in the last war, told Reuter that his stay in the Censorship Bureau had been a happy, if arduous experience, and his contact with the Press had been extraordinarily happy.

NAZIS WITHOUT COAL IN BITTER COLD WEATHER

BERN, Jan. 8 (Havas)—The Berlin correspondents of Swiss papers report that an acute shortage of coal for house heating purposes is being felt in Berlin.

The situation is especially hard for Berlin inhabitants, as the temperature fell recently below zero and it is strictly prohibited to use wood for house heating.

The Neue Zuercher Gazette's correspondent reports that Field Marshal Goering personally intervened with the military command to obtain permission for several trains loaded with coal to be sent to Berlin.

BRITISH MINISTERS VISIT THE FRONT

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—The Financial Secretary to the British War Office is to spend a few days at B. E. F. headquarters in France.

Lord Halifax has paid a visit to the secret headquarters of the R. A. F. fighter command.

MRI. CHURCHILL

A British Wireless message add that the First Sea Lord, Mr. Winston Churchill, yesterday visited the R.A.F. zone and toured various units in the course of a visit to British forces on the Western Front.

He was accompanied by Professor Linderman, the scientist, and will be with the B.E.F. and Air Component units today.

JAPAN WILL HELP WANG

TOKYO, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—Japan has formally decided to make every effort to assist in the formation of a new Chinese Central Government by Wang Ching-wel. This was announced after the emergency meeting of the Cabinet.

Wang and the premiers of the Japanese-sponsored governments at Peking and Nanking—known by the Japanese as the "three big heads of China"—are meeting in Nanking or Shanghai on or about Jan. 15 to push preparations for the new Central Government.

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Another world-known Finnish athlete, Birker Väistö, was killed in action north of Lake Ladoga.

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POLITICAL MURDER IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—Lt. Chen Yu-ching, graduate of the Whampoa Military Academy, Canton, was shot dead by two gunmen yesterday shortly after leaving his residence in the International Settlement.

While the true motive is not yet ascertainable, Chinese quarters believe it is a political murder.

"Manchukuo" Economic Situation

SOYA BEANS UNSOLD

Special to the H.K. Daily Press

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8 (Havas)—A neutral report from Dairen states that "Manchukuo" export industry is seriously influenced by the European war.

When "Manchukuo" signed a trade treaty with Germany a few years ago, based on the "Manchukuoan" five-year plan, it was understood that "Manchukuoan" industry was to be built up on German machinery and materials while the main barter product would be soya beans.

In consequence of the war, "Manchukuo" has been able to ship only the smallest quantities of soya beans to Germany, hence German exporters stopped their exports of machinery, chemicals, dyestuffs, etc.

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—Berlin reports state that Count Csaky, Hungarian Foreign Minister, will return to Italy for a holiday after he has reported to Budapest.

He was expected to leave Venice last night but he did not depart until today.

EX-KAISER IS INDISPOSED

DOORN, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—The Ex-Kaiser is slightly indisposed with a cold and is confined to his room.

He will be unable to attend the funeral at Ameringen on Tuesday of his friend Count Bentinck, who first gave him shelter when he came to Holland after abdicating.

Count Bentinck died on Friday, aged eighty-two.

LASHIO BRANCH OF SINO-BURMESE CULTURAL ASSN.

LASHIO (By Air Mail): A branch of the Sino-Burmeese Cultural Association was inaugurated here on Dec. 31 upon the arrival of the Burmese Goodwill Mission.

After a brief stay, the Mission left to return to Rangoon by plane on January 2nd.

Interviewed, members of the Mission said that when they got to Burma they would tell their countrymen about New China.

Circuit Exhibition Of Newspapers

KIAN, Jan. 8 (Central)—The National Newspaper and Magazine Circuit Exhibition, under the auspices of the Kiangsi Provincial Library, made its debut in Taihoo, a small city in South-West Kiangsi, in a preliminary exhibition yesterday.

The Itinerant exhibition will start early next month on its tour to various cities of Kiangsi and later to other parts of China.

More than 4,000 items of newspapers and magazines published throughout the country are on exhibition.

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ALL NOT ROSY IN THE PUNJAB, SAYS GANDHI

Disintegration In Organisation Of Congress

BOMBAY, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—Mr. Gandhi, in his paper Harijan, declares that Congress organisation shows signs of disintegration, and continues:

"The Bengal Committee is frankly dead; Orissa has split into two camps, and things are not better at Karnataka; while the correspondent in Karala says that the Provincial Committee does not believe in the present policy, and the command is trying by every means to undermine the influence of the working of the Committee and things are not rosy in the Punjab."

UNDISCIPLINED ARMY

"I cherish the hope that they will right themselves, if not, I can lead an undisciplined army to victory. Fresh elections are now on, and the Congressmen's choice is unfettered; let the younger men come forward and take charge, but if they will not come forward but still retain the old team they should give that old team implicit obedience."

Mr. Gandhi's criticism of Bengal which is elaborated in a lengthy statement issued by Prasad is interpreted in official circles as once more a clear indication of the Mahatma's anxiety to avoid precipitate action in connection with the present political situation and Congress majority's determination to keep the Left Wing elements in order.

COMPULSORY SERVICE IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—It is understood that the introduction of Compulsory National Service for male European British subjects in India is under consideration by the Government of India.

All Britons between the ages of 16 and 50 are now registered under an ordinance issued by the Viceroy on Aug. 20.

Finnish Airmen Drop Bibles On Leningrad

Optimism among the Finns is increasing because of three factors:

FIRSTLY, their air defences are proving increasingly effective and are being rapidly augmented;

SECONDLY, the entire eastern front from the Arctic Ocean to Lake Ladoga, on which 360,000 Russians are concentrated, has been successfully held by the smaller, but extremely mobile, Finnish forces;

THIRDLY, prospects on the short Southern Front on the Karelian Isthmus, which is a very critical point, are in no way unpropitious, although the vast weight of the Russians are being concentrated here before the Mannerheim Line.

HELSINKI, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—A Finnish broadcast appeal yesterday declared: "We may be beaten by force, but we shall have to be annihilated."

A communiqué states that an attempt by an enemy ski detachment to outflank the Finnish troops in the Salla Sector is being repelled and that 300 of the enemy were killed.

Enemy air raids on Lahti and Kuopio on Jan. 6 resulted in one killed and two wounded. The material damage was not great and twelve enemy planes were shot down.

FOOD SITUATION

HELSINKI, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—The food situation in Finland is good. Ration cards are only required for coffee and sugar and there are ample home supplies of milk, cream, butter and eggs.

PAMPHLETS FOUND

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 8 (Havas)—Propaganda from mysterious sources was revealed today by the Stockholm paper Afton Bladet, which printed a photostatic copy of a pamphlet found by advancing Finnish troops in the recently abandoned Russian trenches.

The pamphlets which are printed in Russian, read: "Comrades, turn your arms against your own officers and commissars who are pursuing the Finnish war against

FINNS ADVANCING

HELSINKI, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—The Finnish troops continue to advance on the Salla Front. Preceded by heavy artillery bombardment, the Finns reoccupied the positions, inflicting heavy losses on the Soviets.

Ritter cold in the Karelian Front is holding up major operations the temperature being 34 degrees below zero.

The Russians are digging themselves in and finding the cold so intense that many of the soldiers have become unconscious.

POMPOUS OBSERVATIONS

One German broadcaster, whose pompous and condescending observations on life in Britain earned him the nickname of Lord Haw Haw, is the subject of interesting correspondence in The Times.

It reveals that there is a wide divergence of opinion as to whether his mannerisms of speech were acquired in the Midland counties, Scotland or Chicago, but

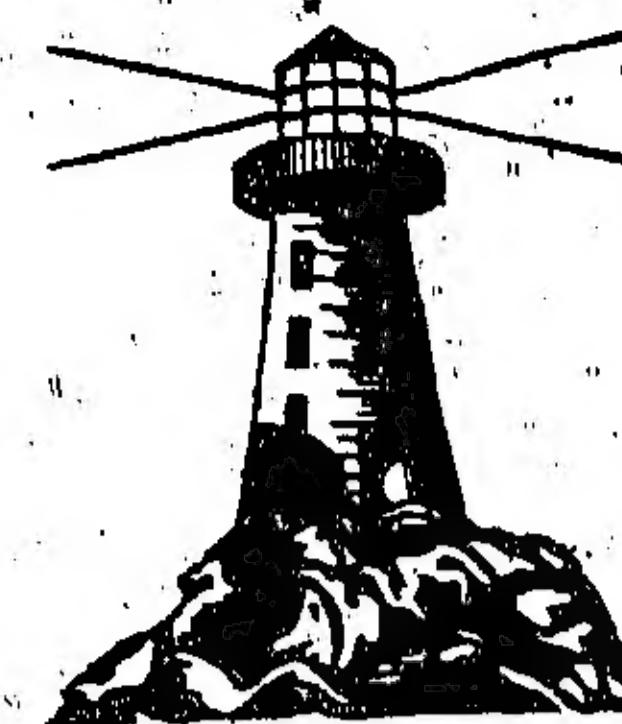
there is general agreement among correspondents that his broadcasts have high entertainment value.

AIR ACTIVITY ALMOST NIL

PARIS, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—Rain and mists are general over the French front and there has been almost a complete calm all along the line in the past 24 hours.

Air activity has been practically nil though a lone German plane made a reconnaissance flight over eastern France.

Ground patrols were active as usual, prowling along in the mud and rain, particularly west of Vosges.



CALDBECK'S LIGHTHOUSE ALE

A GRAND COLD WEATHER DRINK

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Assembly Of Envoys In Chungking

NO INDICATIONS OF MEDIATION

CHUNGKING, Jan. 8 (Int'l)—The presence of the British and French Ambassadors in Chungking and the coming visit of the American Ambassador some time this week do not indicate any sign of mediation, according to well-informed circles.

U.S.-JAPAN TRADE

Statements by American senators and congressmen opposing renewal of the Trade Treaty with Japan or advocating an embargo on goods to that country were featured in the newspapers here and were read with satisfaction in official circles.

It is learned that the National Government will continue its policy of friendship with Great Britain, the United States and the U.S.S.R.

CABLE TO PRESIDENT

The Chungking Municipal League cabled to President Roosevelt yesterday urging him not to replace the American-Japanese Treaty of Trade and Navigation which is due to expire on January 28.

"We trust that your love for justice, peace and liberty will prompt you to accept our plea," the telegram said.

BROADCASTS BY "LORD HAW"

High Entertainment Value

LONDON, Jan. 8 (BWS)—The attitude of the authorities in Britain and Germany towards the circulation of foreign news and comment affords interesting contrast.

Information reaching London shows that increasing publicity is being given in Britain to publications of growing severity imposed on Germans and even neutral foreigners caught listening in to British and other foreign news broadcasts.

Formerly beaten gold was offered by Kings but since the middle of the last century the gift of gold consists of 25 sovereigns later distributed to the poor. The frankincense is subsequently given to the Church where incense is burned and the myrrh, which is supplied by the Royal Household physician, is later sent to the hospital for treatment of throat and mouth affections.

800 YEARS' OLD CEREMONY AT CHAPEL ROYAL

LONDON, Jan. 8 (BWS)—The eight-hundred years' old ceremony at which offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh are made by the King's of England at the Feast of the Epiphany took place on Saturday in the Chapel Royal, Saint James's Palace, when two gentlemen ushers of the King placed a scarlet bag containing the offerings before the altar.

The Queen has drawn up special menus which eliminate two courses from luncheon and dinner and has instructed that more fruit and vegetables be used. To implement this order the kitchen gardens at Windsor Castle are being extended.

Rationing is being regarded by the country generally as necessary and even a helpful expedient under present conditions.

NOT DEPRIVATION

The Manchester Guardian says: "The properly regarded system is not one of deprivation but of convenience. With quantities assured and alternations available the diet of the nation will lose nothing in food values while relief to shipping and the carriage of cargoes vital to victory."

Had the public needed stimulus to cheerful acceptance of the plan it was to be found in Mr. Morrison's plea that we should not ask seafaring men, naval and mercantile, to add to the risks they are taking with such fine courage.

"A few minor alterations in our accustomed dietary will be gladly faced by every citizen who can envisage the saving they entail in cargo space in the export of currency and in demands made on our sailors," the paper adds.

SOUTH-WEST BORDER EDUCATION

KWEILIN, Jan. 8 (Central)—The South-West Border Education Mission arrived here from Kweichow yesterday and will soon proceed to Yenan to investigate the education and living conditions of the Yao tribesmen.

The Mission sent by the Ministry of Education left Chungking last August and has made a thorough investigation of the educational and social conditions of the aboriginal tribes in Yenan and Kweichow.

After its investigation in Kwangsi, it will return to Chungking to submit a report to the Ministry of Education with recommendations for promotion of education among the aborigines.

SERIOUS VIEW BEING TAKEN OF ATTACK ON MR. GODFREY PHILLIPS

ARCHITECT SUED

DISPUTED FEES: FEATHER FACTORY IN KOWLOON

Disputed fees was the subject of an action which commenced in the Summary Court yesterday before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell and in which Mr. J. S. Gibson, registered architect was sued by Kwong Yiu-wan and Kwong Foo-chuen for recovery of part of the fees allegedly paid for the preparation of plans for a feather factory in Kowloon.

Mr. F. I. Zimmern acted for the plaintiffs while Mr. Gibson was represented by Mr. H. L. Kwan.

Mr. Zimmern said plaintiffs were owners of Section A, Kowloon Island Lot No. 658, which they bought in March last for the purpose of erecting a factory. Shortly after the purchase, their agent, Kwong Shek-ming was approached by Chau Pak-yuen, who apparently was connected with defendant's firm for the designing of the factory.

Negotiations took place and in June a verbal agreement was reached between Kwong and Chau that the architect was to be paid \$200 plus one and a half per cent. of cost of the building contract, which was \$27,500.

PLAINTIFFS ASTOUNDED

(Work on the building was commenced, but in September the plaintiffs were astounded to receive two bills from defendant, one for \$200 and the other for \$958.50, being half of seven per cent. of the contract price.

A number of meetings with a view to settlement were held, but defendant wrote saying that no person on his staff had agreed to the fee being one and half per cent. of the contract price.

It was significant, went on Mr. Zimmern, that the authority of Chau was never denied; what was disputed was the amount of the fee. However, in view of what defendant had said regarding certain members of his staff, plaintiffs decided to terminate his services as architect, and this was done on October 5.

An independent architect, Mr. E. M. Hazelton, was asked to assess the amount of work completed up to that date, as it was the contention of the plaintiffs that defendant was entitled to receive only for what he had done. Mr. Hazelton estimated that 61 per cent. of the work had been completed but defendant insisted it was 70 per cent.

DEMANDED PAYMENT

Defendant demanded full payment of seven per cent on \$27,500 and this, amounting to \$2,133, was subsequently paid by plaintiffs under protest. On October 23, the sum of \$622.50 was returned. In other words, defendant kept \$1,512.50, which represented five and half per cent. of the contract price and which he maintained he was entitled to receive.

Mr. Zimmern said he asked the court to determine, should it be held that no fees had been agreed upon, what was the most reasonable amount an architect was entitled to receive.

Mr. E. M. Hazelton, who said he had 35 years' experience in Hongkong as an architect, said he inspected the factory in October and found that 85 per cent. of the work had been completed.

Questioned by Mr. Kwan, Mr. Hazelton agreed that after preparations of the plans and calculations, the work of an architect was practically completed. He also agreed that in the R.I.B.A. Calendar, it was stipulated that if a contract was between \$100 and \$2,000, the architect should be paid a percentage of from six to ten per cent. on a sliding scale.

CONTRACT PRICE

Mr. Kwan: In the present case, the contract price is \$27,500 which is less than \$2,000, would you agree with me that the reasonable charge would be about eight per cent?—In Hongkong there is no architects association and no fixed charges are laid down. It all depends on what the architect likes to charge. Five or six per cent. is the normal rate to be charged for a job of this kind.

Do you agree that if no fees were agreed upon, the fair charge about eight per cent according to the Calendar?—Yes.

And if the architect has done everything to enable the tender to be obtained, and in spite of the

73-Year-Old Merchant Gagged

ROBBERY CHARGE AT CENTRAL

How a 73-year-old retired merchant was manhandled at the point of a gun was told before Mr. B. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday when a 20-year-old unemployed, Ho Kin, alias Ho Kau, alias Ho Wan, was charged with robbery.

The complainant was Fung Kwing-shing, residing at No. 172, Wellington Street, second floor.

On the morning of December 20 while the servant was away at the market, four men entered the floor and held up the occupants with a revolver. Fung and the rest of the household were bound and gagged.

SAFE OPENED

The floor was ransacked and the safe opened. Fung was relieved of H.K. \$15,000, \$1,100 in Chinese money, \$33 in Singapore currency, a diamond finger ring and 100 two-mace tubes of Government prepared opium.

The victims were released by the servant on her return, and Fung made a report to the police.

On information received, the police arrested the defendant who took a detective to his (defendant's) brother's house where \$900 was recovered.

At an identification parade, the defendant was identified by a boy, the grand-nephew of Fung.

The hearing was adjourned till today.

COLONY HEALTH

Eleven cases of tuberculosis, two cases of dysentery, two cases of diphtheria (one imported), and one case each of measles and cerebro-spinal fever were notified to the Health Department on Jan. 6.

On Jan. 7, fourteen cases of tuberculosis, two cases of smallpox, two cases of chicken-pox (both imported); two cases of cerebro-spinal fever and one case each of enteric fever and dysentery were notified to the authorities.

EASTERN PORTS

The following is the Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending Dec. 30.

Cholera: Calcutta 20 cases; Rangoon one case; Hongkong one case.

Small-Pox: Jodhpur 13 deaths; Delhi 4 cases; Cawnpore 8 cases; Bombay 9 cases; Calcutta 2 cases; Rangoon 8 cases; Hongkong 7 cases.

Police Clash With Factory Workers

A serious clash between police and about 300 Chinese workers of a factory in Kowloon City is reported, in which eight workers were injured and 13 arrested. It is understood that the Police had to use their truncheons in attempting to restore order.

The incident is said to have occurred at the Chung Hwa Book Company, in Pak Pai Street, at noon on Saturday, at the time the workmen left the factory for their meal.

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The fact that the work has not yet been completed, he is entitled to two-thirds of the percentage set out in the Calendar?—Yes.

Here, according to you, 65 per cent. of the work has been done, what would be the percentage in Hongkong?—According to the rules he is entitled to his full fees.

Mr. Zimmern: What would be the percentage if the architect has been justifiably dismissed before the work is completed?

MUST KEEP QUIET

Mr. Gibson stood up and said: That is a reflection on me, I won't stand for it.

His Lordship: You must tell your client he must keep quiet, Mr. Kwan.

The question was repeated, and Mr. Hazelton replied that if the architect was justifiably dismissed before the completion of the building then he would not be entitled to his full fees.

The hearing was adjourned.

FULL REPORT TO CONSULAR BODY IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, JAN. 8 (REUTER)—IT IS LEARNED IN WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS THAT A COMPLETE REPORT OF THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF MR. GODFREY PHILLIPS, Secretary-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, is being submitted to members of the Consular body, as well as to other persons of authority.

SERIOUS VIEW

It is reported that a very serious view of the attack is being taken by the higher foreign quarters locally and it is not expected that the matter will be allowed to drop until the gunmen have been arrested and the whole case cleared up.

A very serious issue confronting the Settlement authorities is the flat denial of the Japanese Gendarmerie that they are detaining the three would-be assassins.

The Settlement Police contend that the men are being held by the Japanese and the latter say that they know nothing of the whole affair.

It is expected that the matter will be the subject of conversations between the various authorities at an early date.

Japanese And "Normal" Delays

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8 (Reuter)—The Reuter telegram, reporting the burning by Japanese troops of the English Methodist Mission and Hospital at Chuchia, near Wutung-fu, in Shantung, on Christmas Day, was subjected to considerable delays. It was noted here today.

The delays, presumably, were caused by Japanese censors.

OVER 48 HOURS

The first message was filed in Tsingtao on January 4 at 8.15 p.m. and took over 48 hours for its transmission, only reaching Shanghai after 7 p.m. on January 6.

The second message, in which the Japanese authorities are reported to have admitted burning the hospital, was equally delayed.

It was filed in Tsingtao on January 5 at 8 p.m. and did not get to Shanghai until 2.15 p.m. on January 6.

"NORMAL" TIME

"Normal" time for messages from Tsingtao to Shanghai by the Japanese-controlled Radio Company, the only means of communication, is about three hours.

According to the Shanghai office of this company, conditions during the past few days were "normal."

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Finance and Commerce

Pre-War "Recovery" Based On Arms: Japan's Plight Worsens, Survey Reveals

This year's edition of the World Economic Survey of the League of Nations—the eighth in the series—appeared on the eve of the outbreak of war in Europe. It is thus of quite special value since it presents a picture of the world economic situation up to the date of the beginning of hostilities.

During the first months of 1939, the world was making a rapid recovery from a major depression with which it had been threatened in the first half of 1938. This rapid reversal of economic conditions may be ascribed in part to the financial measures taken in the United States of America and in other countries in order to stimulate the lagging demand for goods and services. But in the main it was due to increased expenditure on armaments and war preparations.

The concluding chapter, entitled "The Economic Effects of War, Rearmament and Territorial Changes" summarises the main theme of the volume. The chapter begins with illustrations of the economic destruction caused by war in Spain and China, through the destruction of life and property, the reduction of foreign trade, and the disorganisation of economic life. Special reference is made to the monetary disorganisation which has been caused by the "currency war" between the Chinese currency and new note issues, sponsored by the Japanese.

In Japan itself, the prosecution of the war has led to a serious reduction in standards of living, both because of the shift of economic resources from the satisfaction of civil needs to production for war purposes, and also because of the growing difficulties of international trade. In the course of 1938 and the first half of 1939, various territorial changes occurred, which closely affected the economies of certain countries. A section of the chapter is devoted to a discussion of these changes and, in particular, to the effect upon the German economic system of the occupations of Austria and of the Czech provinces of Czechoslovakia. The gains of Germany in gold and foreign exchange reserves and in various agricultural and industrial resources are discussed.

STATE CONTROL

In the months preceding the outbreak of war in Europe, one of the most significant developments was the growth of economic intervention and organisation by the State for purposes of national defence. In various chapters of the Survey, reference is made to different aspects of the organisation of the German and Japanese economies, both of which have for some time been subject to strict control.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE

SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Bales	Nominal	MONDAY 8. JAN.	Buyers	Sellers	Bales	Nominal
				Banks				
\$1380	...	\$1400	...	H.K. Banks	...	...	\$1400	...
...	...	\$964	...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	\$264	...
...	...	\$844	...	Chartered Banks	...	...	\$244	...
...	...	\$291	...	Mercantile Blks. "A"	...	...	\$291	...
...	...	\$11	...	Mercantile Blks. "C"	...	...	\$211	...
...	...	\$78	...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	\$78	...
				N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	50 cts.	...
				Insurances	...	...	\$900	...
				Canton Insurance	...	...	\$455	...
				Union Insurance	...	...	...	...
				Underwriters	...	...	...	...
				H.K. Fire	...	...	\$185	...
				Shipping	...	...	...	...
				Douglas	...	...	\$72	...
				Steamboats	...	...	\$11	...
				Indo-China (Prod.)	...	...	\$100	...
				Indo-China (Ded.)	...	...	\$155	...
				Shells	...	...	\$1/3	...
				Waterboats	...	...	\$7.40	...
				Docks, Wharves,	...	...	...	...
				Godowns, etc.	...	...	...	...
				Buildings	...	...	...	...
				H.K. Hotels	...	...	\$5.70	...
				H.K. Lands	...	...	100%	...
				Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	...	...
				Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...
				H.K. Railways	...	...	...	...
				H.K. Realities	...	...	...	...
				H.K. Properties	...	...	...	...
				Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...
				Cotton Mills	...	...	...	...
				Ewe (S.)	...	...	\$28	...
				Shai Cottons (S.)	...	...	\$163	...
				Zoog Sings (S.)	...	...	\$44	...
				Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	\$100	...
				Public Utilities	...	...	...	...
				Tramways	...	...	\$17.30	...
				Peak Trans. (old)	...	...	88	...
				Peak Trans. (new)	...	...	\$4	...
				Star Ferries	...	...	\$70	...
				Y-mai Ferries	...	...	...	...
				Do. (new)	...	...	...	...
				China Lights (O.)	...	...	\$74	...
				China Lights (New)	...	...	\$1.70	...
				China Lights Et.	...	...	...	...
				H.K. Electric	...	...	...	...
				Maco Electric	...	...	...	...
				Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...
				Telephones (old)	...	...	...	...
				Telephones (new)	...	...	...	...
				Traction	...	...	...	...
				Tractions (prod.)	...	...	...	...
				Industrials	...	...	...	...
				Cald. Macq. (Ord.) S.	...	...	...	...
				Cald. Macq. (Prod.) S.	...	...	...	...
				Canton Ices	...	...	...	...
				Cements	...	...	...	...
				Hoses	...	...	...	...
				Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...
				Dairy Farm (Old)	...	...	...	...
				Dairy Farm (New)	...	...	...	...
				Ch. Entertainments	...	...	...	...
				Constructions (old)	...	...	...	...
				Constructions (new)	...	...	...	...
				Lane Crawford	...	...	...	...
				Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...	...
				Sincores	...	...	...	...
				Watsons	...	...	...	...
				Ch. G. S. 1936 Bds.	...	...	...	...
				H.K. Govt. 4% Loans	...	...	...	...
				H.K. Wing On	...	...	...	...
				Shai Wing On	...	...	...	...
				Vibra Piling	...	...	...	...
				Marmans Inv. (Lan.)	...	...	...	...
				Marmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	...	...
				Wm. Powells	...	...	...	...
				Sales to Shanghai	...	...	...	...

*Sale on Saturday, the 6th inst.

FINANCE

Production Of Raw Goods And Manufactures, World Trade All Rose In 1939

The September number of the League's Monthly Bulletin of Statistics contains special information on trade, stocks of primary and industrial production and building activity, which are valuable as illustrating with the regularly recurrent data the economic conditions obtaining before the outbreak of hostilities.

The Bulletin compares figures of the world index of visible stocks in June and July of this year with those of last year for base metals (lead, copper, zinc, tin), raw cotton, important foodstuffs (wheat, rye, cocoa, coffee, maize, barley, sugar, tea).

RAW MATERIALS

World production of industrial raw materials of mineral origin which declined considerably between 1937 and the middle of 1938 has since increased rapidly. During the twelve months ending June or July this year, petroleum output increased by 8%, pig iron and steel by 34% and 31% respectively and zinc by 11%. The output of copper, the monthly information on which is less complete and up to date, appears to have been some 6% larger in May this year than in May 1938.

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H.K. MINES OUTPUT FOR DECEMBER

The Hongkong Mines Ltd. output during December amounted to 3992 short dry tons of ore treated, from which 384.16 dry tons of Lead Concentrates were produced, averaging 63.24% Lead and 14.78 oz. Silver per ton.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JANUARY 8, 1940

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer. 12/13/16
Bank Bills, on demand/3/13/16
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3/32

On Shanghai:—
On demand 200

On Singapore:—
On demand 58 1/2

On Japan:—
On demand 102 3/4

On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer. 68 1/8

and demand 1/8

On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 24/1/4

Credits 60 days' sight 2/7/8

On Batavia:—
On demand 45 1/8

On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand 1/8/85

Credits 4 months' sight 1/4/40

On Saigon:—
On demand 108 1/4

On Manila:—
On demand 48 1/2

On Bangkok:—
On demand 150 1/4

Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate ... 1/37/8

Bar Silver per oz. 31 9/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices were unchanged over the Week-end, the quotations remaining at 21.9/16 for Ready and 21.11/16 for Forward. American Silver was quoted at 34.3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 393.1/8.

Market
Very small and without interest.
No business was reported.

Sterling

Was available at 1/2.29/32 January, possibly February, and 1/2 7/8 March, buyers at 1/2.15/16 Cash and 1/2.29/32 March.

U. S. Dollars
24.7/16 was offered for Cash, 24.3/8 January and 24.1/4 February, buyers bidding 24.1/2 January, possibly Cash and 24.3/8 February.

Shanghai Dollars

Various rates were quoted and towards the close at 1 p.m. there were sellers for Spot at 306, buyers at 308.

Shanghai Market

Opened with sellers for Spot, Sterling at 425/32 and U. S. Dollars at 7.13/16. Both currencies eased off, Sterling to 411/16 and U. S. Dollars to 7.11/16 but at this stage the market reacted, and at closing time at noon Sterling was obtainable at 4.53/64 and U. S. Dollars at 7.29/32. The tone was even as steady.

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

Sterling

In the market closed with sellers at 1/2.29/32 January, possibly February and 1/2.7/8 March, buyers at 1/2.15/16 Cash and 1/2.29/32 March.

U. S. Dollars
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302 sellers for Spot,
Shanghai Market

Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 3.27/23 and U. S. Dollars at 7.15/16. Subsequently the market was a shade steadier with sellers of Sterling for Spot at 4.29/32 and U. S. at 8.1/32 for Spot. Towards the close sellers of Sterling for Spot were quoted at 4.57/51 and U. S. Dollars at 8.

Shanghai Exchange
Shanghai, Jan. 8 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates
London 0/4/1/2
New York 7-3/8
Japan 31-1/4
India 27-7/8
Paris 3.30
Hongkong 30-1/8

Sellers

Opening Closing
Spot 0/4-25/32 0/4-29/32
Jan. 7-3/4 0/4-7/8
Feb. 0/4-11/16 0/4-13/16

U. S. Dollars

Spot \$7-13/16 \$8-1/32
Jan. 7-3/4 7-31/32
Feb. 7-5/8 7-27/32
Market:— Quiet but steady.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-13/16
U. S. Dollars, \$7-7/8
Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/22.

The Equalisation rate was 15-3/4 per cent

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HONGKONGCOMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, Jan. 8, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous	January 8	Closing	Opening	Closing	Change
Buyers	Buyers					
S P O T	38 cts.	38 cts.	39 cts.	unc.		
APRIL-JUNE	37 cts.	37 cts.	37-1/8	up 1/8		
JULY-SEPT.	36-1/8	36-1/8	36-1/8	unc.		

The market was steady but quiet.

LONDON RUBBER Previous close Today's close buyer buyer Change

S P O T	11-1/16	CLOSED	
JULY-SEPT.	11-1/2		

The market was quiet but steady.

NEW YORK COTTON: Improved demand for goods brought more spinner buying. Trade interest absorbed a major part of today's selling which was small in proportion. Late buying appeared, stimulated by the apparent tightness in January position. Washington reports indicate that about 1,000,000 bales have so far been repossessed.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Reports of heavy snow-fall in the North-West discouraged new buyers and there was moderate precipitation in the South-West, but much more is needed.

NEW YORK HIDES: The market was apparently technically firmer at the decline. Reports from St. Louis indicate favourable conditions in the Shoe Trade.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 151.54: Today's close, 151.19: Change, off .35.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. F. Levy & Company)

	Prev.	To-day's	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.	11.20	10.98	10.98	11.11	.15	up	
New York Rubber, Mar.	19.01	19.01	19.00	19.00b	unc.		
Chicago Wheat, May	1044	1034	1034	1034	4	off	
Chicago Corn, May	594	584	594	594	4	off	
New York Hides, Mar.	15.07	14.88	15.01	15.02b	.01	up	

NOTE:—January co*on, last notice day, 17.1.40.

NEW YORK RUBBER Close Opening Closing Change

January	11.04 N	11.07 A	11.22 N	.18	up
March	10.96/11.00	10.97/98	11.10/20	.15	up
May	10.70/73	10.70/70	10.81/84	.11	up
July	10.34/37	10.36/38	10.48/50	.14	up
September	10.60/60	10.59/59	10.59/59	.11	up
October	9.95/97	9.95/95	10.00/04	.05	up
December	9.90/90	9.90/90	9.96 N	.06	up
	11.29 N	11.46 N	11.46 N	.17	up

Total sales for the day:—260 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May	104/103	103/103	103/103	4	off
July	101/101	101/101	101/101	4	off
September	101/101	100/100	100/100	4	off
December	18.21 N	18.20 N	18.20 N	.01	off

Volume (in contract of 100 bales each) 112,000 bales

CHICAGO CORN

March	19.00/00	19.00b/10a	19.00b/05a	unc.
May	59/59	59/59	59/59	4
July	59/59	59/59	59/59	4
September	60/60	60/60	60/60	unc.
December	867 B	867/868	867/868	4

CHICAGO WHEAT

May	59/59	59/59	59/59	4	off
July	59/59	59/59	59/59	4	off
September	60/60	60/60	60/60	unc.	
December	867 A	867 A	867 A	867 A	4

NEW YORK HIDES

March	15.01/03	15.01/14.93	15.02b/06a	.01	up

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., Jan. 8.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.00 ins
Temperature, 69 F.
Humidity, 63 per cent.
Wind Direction, CALM.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 0.
Temperature; maximum yesterday
78 F.
Temperature, minimum last night,
60 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs, ending 10 a.m.
today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st
nil.
Against an average of 0.19 ins.
Sunset tonight, 5.55 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7.05 a.m.
4 p.m., Jan. 8.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.92 ins
Temperature, 68 F.
Humidity, 52 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/S.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 72 F.
Minimum temperature, 60 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

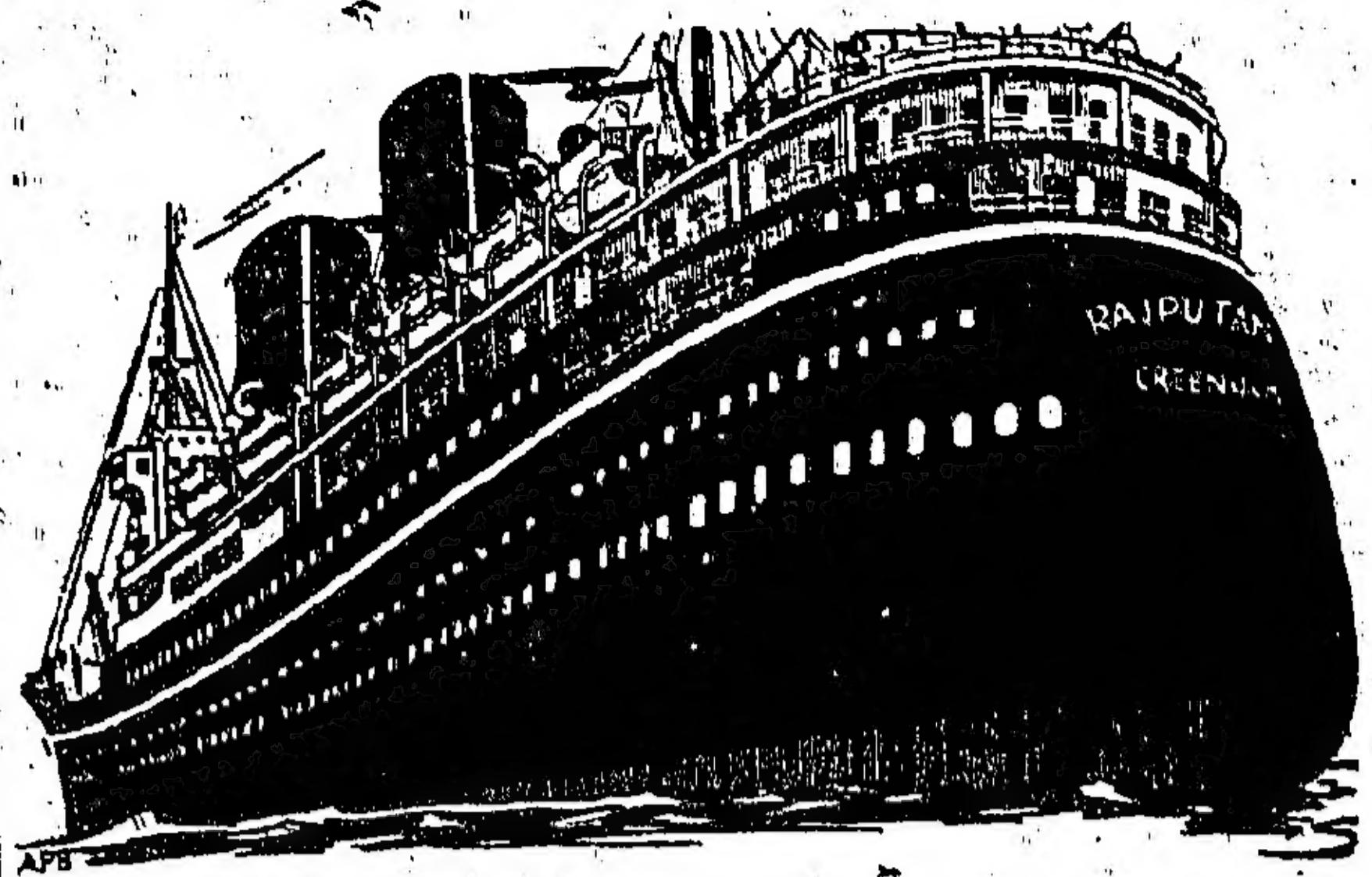
From 9 to 15 Jan. 1940.

Day & Month	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER	
	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues. 9	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
	10 29	4 6	03 36	1 4
	21 18	7 6	14 20	3 4
Wed. 10	11 03	4 6	04 10	0 9
	21 48	7 5	15 00	3 4
Thur. 11	11 39	4 7	04 42	0 9
	22 18	7 4	15 40	3 3
Fri. 12	12 10	4 7	05 18	0 9
	23 45	7 1	16 20	3 4
Sat. 13	12 49	4 8	05 47	1 1
	23 10	6 7	17 00	3 5
Sun. 14	13 15	4 9	06 22	1 4
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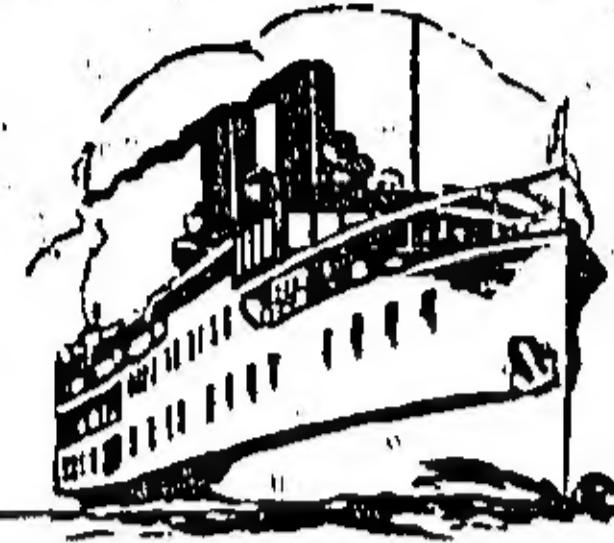
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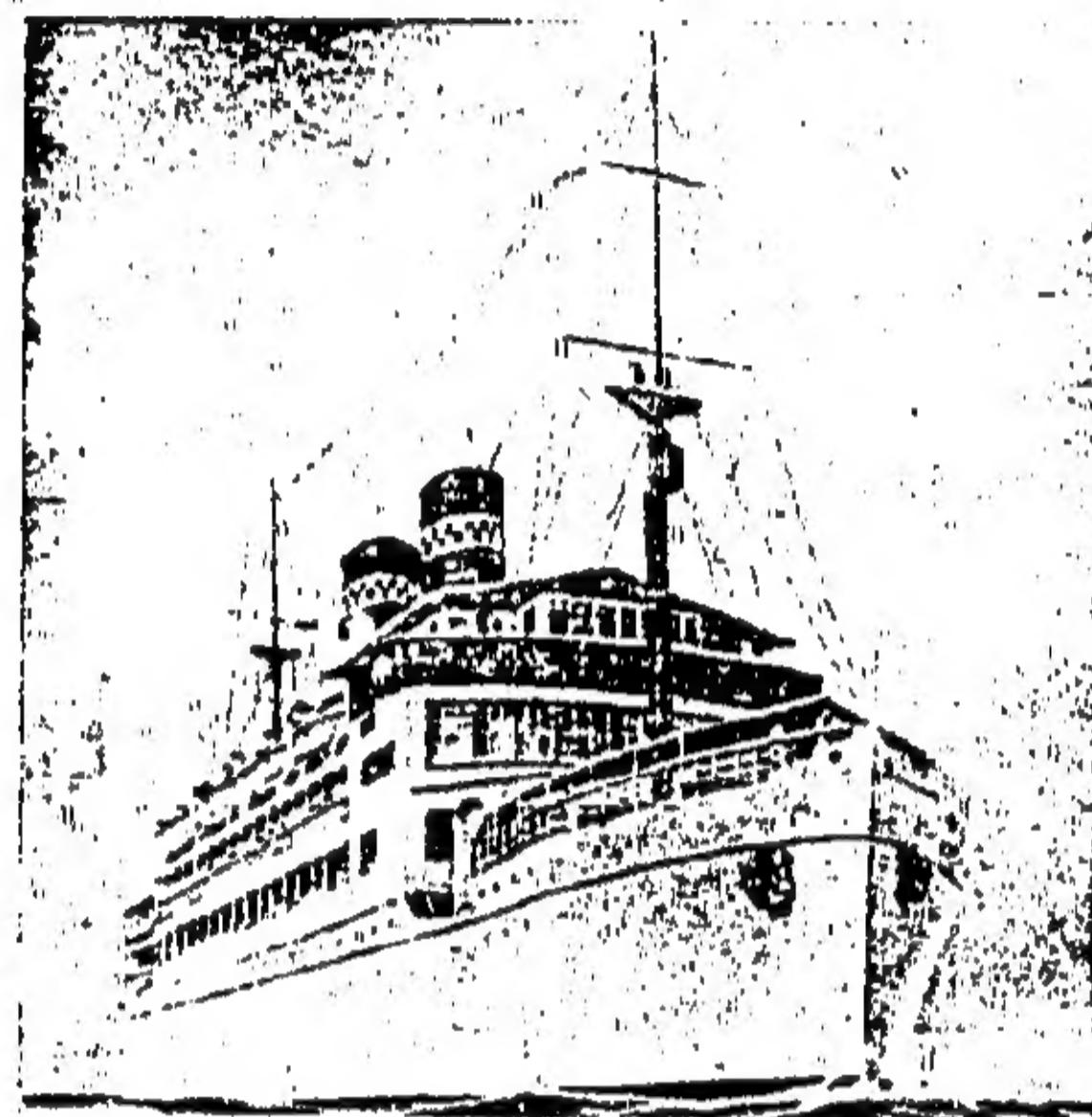


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"Radium treatment for cancer has been exploited for years by those who have been making money out of it," declares Sir Hill, famous research physician and physiologist, who recently questioned the curative powers of radium.

"Radium destroys the normal cells," he writes in a letter to the Daily Telegraph. "Furthermore, surgery is available everywhere, but the availability of radium is limited by its high cost and other factors."

"Statistics prove that radium generally is not more successful than the knife, while radium and X-rays have not proved efficacious in destroying internal cancers which can be reached directly."

"The bad after-effects of radium—unrelievable neuralgia and debility—are not seen by the surgeon applying it but by the general practitioner."

"Vast sums are spent on radium which would be more valuable spent in spreading knowledge for prevention, early diagnosis and surgery."

Sir Leonard added that there was no trustworthy evidence to prove that radium is efficacious in weak spawners or in radio-active pads.

CANADA IN WAR TO THE END

In this war Canada is with Britain—as Britain is with Canada to the end, said Mr. T. A. Crerar, Canadian Minister for Mines and Natural Resources, in a talk in the B. E. C. Home Service recently.

Mr. Crerar is Canada's delegate to the conference of Dominion Ministers with representatives of the British Government now in progress in London.

He recalled his visit to "a Britain of peace and happiness" for the coronation.

"We now see a Britain at war," he said. "But, as always, a Britain calm and resolute, not to be shaken from a high resolve which has not been lightly taken, and which will be carried through to the end."

"May I pay a tribute here to the spirit of this ancient people and to that tribute add the firm conviction that once again, as so often in the story of these islands, this spirit will triumph over the difficulties and dangers of the hour?"

NO SENTIMENTAL IMPULSE

"In this war we in Canada are with you, as you are with us, to the end, but we are fighting not merely because of a sentimental impulse to come to the help of the Mother Country."

"That feeling, of course, is strong among us, but it could not alone account for the dedication of the strength and spirit of Canada to meet the challenge of this conflict."

"Remember that to a great part of Canada the United Kingdom is not a mother country, as approximately half the people of the Dominion are of non-Anglo-Saxon stock."

"We are made up of every race—even German-Canadians, who are now loyal to the best that is in Germany and are for that reason joining with other Canadians in the fight against the debasing creed of Nazism."

"In this struggle we are as one—because we are conscious that we are fighting for our own ideals and for our own existence."

"We in Canada," Mr. Crerar concluded, "ask that, as a result of our joint sacrifices, we may win the peace as well as the war. That we may this time lay the foundation of a new society where war will be outlawed as the barbarity it is."

Singapore Rickshaw

Men Do Bit For War Effort

The latest contribution to Malaya's patriotic fund is 1000 dollars (nominally about £100) from the Singapore Rickshaw Owners' Association, the majority of the members of which are non-British subjects.

An accompanying letter states: "This is a measure towards playing our part as citizens of this colony and toward expressing our gratitude for the kind treatment we have received at the hands of the British Government."

"We hope such a small sum will not be despised."

WAR RATES TEST CASE LIKELY

LANDLADIES MAY TAKE ACTION

A test case may be brought to clarify the position of apartment keepers in London who are hard hit by the war and seek a reassessment of the rateable value placed on the properties they occupy.

Many of the applications for reassessment now being received by London Borough Councils come from the 800 members of the London Emergency Apartment-Keepers Society. In London a good prima facie case has to be made out, alleging specific causes for depreciation, before a property can be placed on the Provisional Valuation List for reassessment.

Miss Marian Reeves, chairman of the society, complained that many boroughs seemed disinclined to regard war conditions as a valid cause. Others, notably Kensington and St. Pancras, were taking up a more sympathetic attitude.

PUT BALIFFS IN

"There are councils," she said, "which even claim that they do not come under the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act and have issued summonses for rates. Some have put bailiffs in. We are advised that this is illegal, and are considering bringing a test case."

Each local authority is at present left to decide for itself how it should act towards rate-collecting difficulties arising from war conditions. This is recognised to be undesirable.

The authorities as a whole are looking for guidance to the Standing Joint Committee of the Metropolitan Boroughs and the Association of Municipal Corporations, which is considering how best to bring about uniformity.

A serious financial problem has been created in the City of London and in Westminster by the evacuation of business premises and private houses.

The possibility of legislation to meet local authorities' need for revenue, as well as hardships of individual ratepayers, is not ruled out. The Ministry of Health is awaiting representations from the Joint Committee and will review the whole matter.

FLIERS FREE TO JOIN FORCES

Men with flying experience may now be accepted for the R.A.F.V.R. or the Fleet Air Arm no matter how they are affected by the Schedule of Reserved Occupations.

This applies to holders of Air Ministry "B" licences, men who have at any time served as pilots with the R.A.F., its Reserves, or in the Auxiliary Air Force, and holders of Air Ministry "A" licences with a minimum of 250 hours solo flying experience.

This is among changes in the schedule announced recently by the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

In the following occupations the ages of reservation have been reduced as shown, the former reservation age being given first:

Bricklayers, 30, 18. Pavilions, asphalt, road surface layer, 30, 18. Surgical and dental instrument maker (non-electric), 23, 18. Surveyor (building, quantity, estimating, measuring), 30, 23. Student of recognised wireless telegraphy school who has completed three months' training, 30, 18. Fine balance maker, 25, 23. Probation officer (whole-time), 25, 30.

NEW ENTRIES

The following new entries have been made in the schedule:

Staff of Electricity Commission (minor, and manipulative grades) (in occupations not otherwise specifically reserved), 35. Ditto (other than minor and manipulative grades) (in occupations not otherwise specifically reserved), 25. Whole-time clerk to justices, 25. Whole-time executive and clerical staff of whole-time clerk to justices, 25. Stationary engineer, travelling engineer, 25. Public Works Contracting: Agent, subagent (civil engineering), 25. Traveller, assistant traveller (civil engineering), 25. Caterpillar-tractor driver (including grader, scraper, dumper, bulldozer driver), 21. Weight adjuster, tester (fine balance), 23. Marker (hot rolling) (template and sheet mill), 18.

The existing entry for school teachers has been amended to make it clear that it covers full-time instructors in technical or commercial schools or other establishments undertaking vocational training.

Women teachers employed at private schools are no longer reserved and may now undertake any kind of national service work.

A Japanese supply depot in Nanchang was set afire by Chinese troops who filtered into the city on Wednesday night. Much confusion was caused by the conflagration, which did not burn out until the following day.—(Central News)

TWO STRANGE GOALS

Woodley Foiled Lively Attack

Wales 1 England 1

The first war-time "charity international" between Wales and England began before nearly 30,000 spectators.

Wales were early aggressive. Bryn Jones making a nice opening for Astley, but the latter was crowded out by the intervention of Hapgood. England gradually settled down, and well timed passes by Clayton and Fenton gave Compton (L.) opportunities to show his skill.

Hopkins and Bryn Jones roused the enthusiasm of the crowd by their clever combination, but Woodley was alert, and, in fact, his keen anticipating was a feature of the early play.

After a shot by Smith had struck the angle of the upright and cross-bar and rebounded into play, Wales got an unexpected goal five minutes from the interval.

An attempted pass by an England player was deflected off the referee to Bryn Jones, who promptly gave Glover a perfect pass and the centre forward, dashing on beat Woodley with a shot that gave the England keeper no chance.

BACUZZI HURT

Wales resumed with a strong assault, and Bacuzzi averted a goal by flinging himself at Glover. The Fulham man was hurt and returned with a damaged leg. England rearranged their defence with Clayton at full-back and Hall a right half. J. W. Lewis of Walthamstow Avenue, came on as substitute and played at right back.

England equalised after 20 minutes when Smith (J. R.) ran in from the wing and Jones (T. G.), in attempting to turn the ball aside when harassed by Clayton, put through his own goal. Both sides made desperate efforts to net the winning goal but the defences were very sound.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

BROADCAST RECEIVING LICENCES

Holders of licences are reminded that if it is desired to continue to retain possession of the apparatus after the date of expiration of the licence a renewal must be effected without delay. New Licences will be available at the Government Radio Office, G.P.O. Building, First Floor, on ordinary business days, and will be issued against the receipt of a remittance of \$12.00, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., except on Saturdays when licences will be issued between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

Licence holders are requested to examine their licences carefully and verify the date of expiry before applying for renewal. All broadcast licences do not expire on December 31st.

INWARD MAILS

From	Date
Dairen and Shanghai	5th Jan.
Straits and Saigon	5th Jan.
Japan	5th Jan.
Shanghai	6th Jan.
Japan and Shanghai	6th Jan.
Straits	6th Jan.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 3rd January	10th Jan.
Shanghai	10th Jan.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th November).	10th Jan.
Shanghai and Amoy	10th Jan.
Manila	10th Jan.
Shanghai	10th Jan.
Rabaul and Manila	10th Jan.
Java and Manila	10th Jan.
Manila	10th Jan.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 3rd January	11th Jan.
Shanghai	11th Jan.
Japan	11th Jan.
Haliphong	11th Jan.
U. S. A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 9th December 1939).	11th Jan.
Canton	12th Jan.
Shanghai	12th Jan.
Manila	12th Jan.
Japan and Shanghai	12th Jan.
Canton	13th Jan.
Shanghai	13th Jan.
Sandakan	13th Jan.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th January	14th Jan.
Japan and Shanghai	14th Jan.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 26th December	15th Jan.
Manila	15th Jan.
Straits and Manila	15th Jan.
Saigon	15th Jan.
Shanghai	15th Jan.
Japan	15th Jan.
Haliphong and Hoihow	15th Jan.
Manila	15th Jan.
Straits and Manila	15th Jan.
Saigon	15th Jan.
Shanghai	15th Jan.
Japan	15th Jan.
U. S. A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 23rd December 1939).	16th Jan.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 29th December 1939)	16th Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Date and Time
TUESDAY	